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LITERATURE

Three Months' Residence at Nablus, and an Account of the Modern Samuritans. By the Rev. John Mills. (Murray.)

MIDWAY from Nazareth to Jerusalem, in the very heart of Samaria, rise two mountains, with a dip or pass between them, through which runs an ancient road. A Mohammedan town almost blocks the pass. For Palestine the land is green; the chief tree being the olive, though is green; the citron, the pomegranate, not to speak of oak and laurel, are also scattered about the hill sides. The town is called Nabulus, an Arab form of Neapolis, the new city, built by Vespasian. Beyond the town, on the way towards Jerusalem, a narrow flat debouches into a broad and fertile plain; and near the point of junction are two objects of interest. The two mountains are Ebal and Gerizim; the town is Shechem; the plain is that of Moreh; the two objects of interest are Jacob's well and Joseph's

Such is the identification of most travellers in Palestine of a place regarding which Mr. Mills has written a very good book.

The subject of his pen has a claim on the Bible reader scarcely less powerful than Jeru-salem and Nazareth. According to our common opinion, this district was the place in which Abraham pitched his tent and went up to sacrifice his son; where Jacob bought the field, dug the deep well, and buried the images stolen by his wife; the place in which Joseph was laid and the law was proclaimed; in which Joshua gathered the people before he died; in which the ark was kept; in which Jotham delivered his parable of the trees; the place to which Rehoboam came to be enthroned; in which Jeroboam established the new dynasty of Israel, and Shalmanezer put a colony of Babylonians; the place of the rival temple and rival worship, and of the Lord's conversation with the woman at Jacob's well. But the difficulties standing in the way of an identification adopted by Stanley, Robinson and nearly all travellers,

are by no means slight. The text in Genesis describes the Moriah of the sacrifice as a three days' journey from Beersheba; and a modern traveller, even a hard rider like Thomson, used to the roads and the climate, considers it impossible for Abraham to have done the journey in so short a time. The text of Deuteronomy describes Gerizim as rising "in the land of the Canaanites which dwell in the champaign over against Gilgal"; and Jerome, in his work on Jewish sites, placed Ebal and Gerizim in the hill country near Jericho, agreeably with this Mosaic text. As regards the first point, the Moriah of the sacri-fice, the difficulty of distance is very great. On the third day from Beersheba, Abraham sees Moriah afar off, and on the same day he goes up to it, builds an altar, and prepares the sacrifice. He has walked the whole way; he, his two young men and his ass. The distance is more than one degree: about eighty miles as a bird flies; more than 100 miles by any track along which men could travel. Roads there were none: and a mountain 4,000 feet high had to be scaled. In Sicily, in Spain, a man could scarcely have walked so far, driving an ass and carrying a child. Still less could it be done in Palestine. In Syria twenty miles is a day's journey on horseback. Murray allows six days from Beer-

brance, and the whole party well mounted. A man with an ass to drive would find it hard work for two days; yet this is only a third of the distance which Abraham is made to march. If, then, the Moriah of the sacrifice was not in the mountains of Samaria, but somewhere in Judah, why not the Temple hill? is the proper distance for a wayfarer to have gone. The fact of Abraham seeing the place afar off appears of less force to us than to Mr. Mills. What does the Hebrew mean by afar off? Mar Elias, the ridge from which a rider coming from Hebron first sees the Holy City, is three miles from the Haram wall. The place in which Abraham left his ass and his young men is not likely to have been further from Moriah. The use of words is relative, and in the Syrian idiom a mound is a mountain, a mile a great distance. Should the reader insist on a European measure, it is only necessary to suppose that Abraham approached the city of Jebus by the eastern track, that of the Cedron valley, to reconcile the position with the text. On that side, the Temple hill is visible for twelve or fifteen miles.

On the second point in dispute we agree with Dean Stanley and Mr. Mills. It is not necessary to invent a second Gerizim in the vicinity of Jericho: the text only signifying that Gerizin stood among the mountains of the Canaanites who dwelt in the champaign over against Gilgal: as the heights of Ephraim may be said to stand.

Were it otherwise, enough would remain, historical and indubitable, to render Nabulus one of the most interesting places on the earth.

Mr. Mills has visited this city twice, and has lived for three months among the people. He speaks a little of the language, and has lived as the Samaritans live. His eye is quick to seize, his hand facile to depict peculiarities of manner, and he laid himself out for observing everything racy of the soil, from the boiling of a pot of herbs to the inscriptions on ancient tombs. From his labour we obtain a more exact and more amusing picture of the Sama-ritans than we possessed in the older accounts. We may indicate a few points on which our

knowledge has been improved by Mr. Mills.

Nearly all travellers, from Benjamin of
Tudela to Wilson, have described the two crests of Ebal and Gerizim as differing in feature; Ebal as being less green, less sparkling, than Gerizim; as being naturally, as well as typically, the hill of cursings, while its near neighbour is the hill of blessings. A hasty glance from the town leads to this common view; for just above the town a great rush of water comes down the hill, like the Darro into Granada, making the landscape thick and shady with olives, terebinths and palms. This patch of Gerizim is a garden; while the opposite slope of Mount Ebal, except on the low ground, is a surface of rocks and graves. But the verdure is said to be only a local fact. Away from the springs and runnels, Gerizim has the same stony aspect as its rival; and we now learn that on the summit Ebal has the same patches that on the summit Ebal has the same patches of corn-field, vineyard, and olive-ground as Gerizim, but on a larger scale. Mr. Mills gives the preference to Ebal as far as regards fertility and beauty: a circumstance so new that it is right to add, that Mr. Mills has been on the top of this height and that the other travellers have not

vellers have not. On the top of Ebal Mr. Mills observed some remains, which appeared to be those of a Roman road: curious, should it turn out capable of this path along Ebal should prove to be part of the imperial highway, it must have been the way over which Jesus walked in his two journeys from Galilee to Jerusalem through Samaria. neys from Galilee to Jerusalem through Samaria. Ebal is dotted with ruins; some old as the Kings, perhaps the Judges. They are mostly tombs, hewn in the rock; but a few foundations of towers, rude in art and circular in shape, are also seen. Joshua is said to have built an altar on Ebal, and Mr. Mills imagines that he was heave found the city of the same than the result of the same than the result of the same than the

that he may have found the site.

Gerizim has been often ascended and described. The great feature of this mountain height—next to its magnificent view—is the Temple ruins on its crest. These ruins, figured by Thomson, and now again by Mr. Mills, are pretty well known; though they have not been put to their legitimate use. It does not seem to have struck the gentlemen who wrangle over every fragment of the true Temple that a false temple, built by the same Herod, probably on the same plan, exists on Gerizim, ruined, but not obliterated beyond recall. The inclosure was a large space, nearly a square, something like the high tier of the Haram, the octagonal edifice rises in the centre, like the Mosque of Omar; near which there is a well. The whole of these walls may be remnants of a citadel built by Justinian; in which case the similarity of the octagon on Gerizim to that on Moriah would throw a strange light on Mr. Fergusson's theory about the Dome of the Rock being built over the tomb of Christ. On the wall stand various towers, corresponding to the lischcath, or cells, (our version translates them chambers) which stood in the Temple courts, of which the lischcath ha Gazith, the hall in which the Sanhedrin met, was the chief. A huge building stood on the north of this inclosure; but whether a fortress or not, the form and position of this block tress or not, the form and position of this block recall those of the Baris, afterwards called Antonia. We incline to the fancy that the form of the ancient Temple may still be traced in the ruins. The wells, cisterns, conduits, were probably arranged in the same manner on Gerizim as on Moriah. The stones are hewn and bevelled in a similar way. Built on the crests of hills, the foundations of the two temples had to be laid on rocks, and the supporting walls corried up to the level earth. All these walls carried up to the level earth. All these circumstances, taken in their connexion with the sacred narrative, make it desirable that some competent authority on architecture, such as Prof. Willis or Mr. Fergusson, should give us the benefit of a careful examination of these

Nor is this the only service calling for a competent volunteer. Mr. Mills very nearly fell upon a discovery in connexion with the legendary stones of Joshua. These stones were taken from the Jordan bed, were inscribed with the words of the Law, were set up in Gilgal, removed to Ebal, and afterwards placed on Gerizim. Benjamin of Tudela, who mentions the tradition, says the platform on Gerizim was made of these stones. Mr. Mills shall tell his tantalizing tale in his own words:-

"To me, as to most if not to all modern travellers who have noticed it, the character of the platform appeared doubtful. I could not satisfy myself whether it was formed of detached stones placed together, or was one rocky platform, having fissures on its surface. Nor could I see the reason why it is called the ten stones, as there were evidently twelve, or rather, thirteen; unless out of regard to the ten tribes that formed the kingdom of Israel. In Syria twenty miles is a day's journey on horseback. Murray allows six days from Beerbaba to Nabulus. Of course, it may be done had to quit Nabulus before he could verify the Zion to Nabulus in ten hours: but this was on a good mare, with little luggage, no incum-

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truly electrifying; and I determined upon excavating before leaving the neighbourhood. ing the cupidity of the local government, and the fanaticism of the people generally, I had to carry out my plan as quietly as possible, and on the 26th of March, 1860, I partly accomplished my object. I hired three Arabs, and, together with my Arab friend Yohannah, we all set to. The Arabs, as usual, sincerely believed that I was seeking for some hidden treasure, nor would they be persuaded otherwise, but halted continually at their work until I had promised them a full share of the spoil, and a certain sum of backsheesh should we fail to find anything. We commenced at the middle stone, and having uncovered the immediate earth, I found, to my great satisfaction, that they were really separate blocks of stone, and not one rocky platform. But next came disappointment: the stones were so heavy that we could not turn them over without the aid of mechanical power, which we unfortunately, did not possess. I examined the blocks as carefully as the circumstances would admit of but could find no traces of any kind of writing. The stones, however, were not sufficiently uncovered to enable me to satisfy myself that there was no writing on them. It is not impossible that the Gilgal stones are here, or even the ones written upon by Joshua. I hope, some day, to be more fortunate in the attempt to attest the tradition.'

The first part of the legend being found good, it was certainly a pity that Mr. Mills could not satisfy himself as to whether there is, or is not, some trace of writing on the stones. It is something to ascertain the negative in such a case. Jacob's well remains,—we are sorry to learn, choked up with rubbish. Mr. Mills appears to have found the reason for this misfortune: the Greeks, who are buying up all the holy sites in Palestine, have purchased the Samaritan well. Now the water of this well is very good; and as the Greek monks propose to cover it and build a church on the site, the poor Arubs of the villages have filled it up,—concealed it,—according to an ancient custom of their

The progress made by the Greek Church in Syria is not a subject to charm the Saxon mind: but the fact of that progress has not received from us the attention which it deserves. A man cannot ride from Damascus to Hebron without seeing that the Latin Church is receding, the Greek Church advancing, in that country—the only church-building in Syria being done by the Greek communion. It has erected the New Jerusalem. It has raised a cross on the dome of the Holy Sepulchre. It is buying land on all sides; cultivating olives and vines; and making its labour pay. It is multiplying its convents, and offering a rude kind of protectorate of the fellahín. In a word, it is taking possession of the land.

Mr. Mills gives a full detail of his daily life in a Nabulus house. A remnant of the great church of Samaria is all that remains; a few years since they were two hundred; they are now less; and as they can only marry among themselves, domestic life takes very much of its colour from the fact that a man has scarcely any choice of wives. There are more German princes than Samaritans alive at this moment; so that boy and girl are given to each other pretty surely from their birth. The death of a young girl is a real calamity to her people. Polygamy is lawful, but impossible among rougany is lawful, out impossible among the Samaritans. The priest had two wives, his first wife being childless; but we do not read in Mr. Mills of any other man indulging in that questionable blessing. The two ladies married to the priest are said to have lived together in the greatest happiness; but then it should be stated that the first wife chose the second, and that in a Syrian house the rooms are all separate cells and open only into a common court. For the same reason, the

paucity of women, divorce is rare; for a tyrant who sends his wife home to her parents may chance to live a bachelor for many a long year. These people are fond of eating and drinking, still more fond of smoking. A priest told Mr. Mills that a good supper would convert any of the Nabulus Christians to the English church, and another good supper draw them back to the Greek church. The truth is, a Syrian agrees with you in everything-in words-but only in words. In reality he despises the European, and thinks it his duty to trick and cheat him. Why, said a native to Mr. Mills, we gave you our religion, why should not we take some of your money? It is not easy to persuade an Arab that he has no right to your purse-if he can only get access to it, without your leave.

But all this while his good manners are perfect and bewildering:—

"When any one entered the room, the common salutation was, 'Good evening to you!' Having taken off his shoes, and seated himself (on the floor of course), the salutation was repeated, accompanied with the lifting of the hand, and touching the breast and forehead, or the lips and forehead. This touching the breast and forehead would be repeated again, and perhaps again, according to the attention wished to be paid to the visitor. At first I was a little bewildered at this endless repetition of good manners; but, once being initiated into the habit, I freely indulged in it. I was much amused with some, especially the priest, between whom and my-self the kindest feelings existed. And we wished to express our good feelings too, on these as well as other occasions. Having entered and seated himself, he would then turn himself to me, and commence the ceremony. Touching his breast and head, with 'Good evening to you,' and I, of course, respond-ing, the civility would not end until repeated at least some half-dozen times. When the party happened to have assembled before me, these repetitions being made by most of them, I received and had to give in return some forty or fifty salutations before the ceremony was finished. When any one entered, having a friend or friends present whom he had not seen for a long time, these would stand and embrace each other, and generally kiss each other too. But their manner of kissing is peculiar. They never kiss the lips, as we Europeans do; but only the cheeks and shoulders. The right cheek is first kissed, then the left, and sometimes the cheeks only; but generally the shoulders also, in the same manner; just as they did in ancient times (Gen. xxxiii. 4; xlv. 14, 15; Luke xv. 20). It is most amusing to see Bedouins especially going through this singular mode of etiquette. During my stay with my Arab friends in Jerusalem, I had an opportunity of witnessing it. Two Bedouin friends, calling upon my happened to meet there one day. Falling upon the neck of each other, in turn they kissed the cheeks and the shoulders, and then asked after the welfare of their families, wishing them peace and prosperity in the name of Allah. This long list of inquiries and blessings being over, they recommenced kissing and embracing, and repeating the same questions and wishes; and so over and over again, and that with all the sedateness and gravity imaginable. One might easily comprehend such embraces and hugging between two dear relations or lovers, after a long separation; but here there was nothing of the kind—the performance was gone through, apparently at all events, with the most placid gravity and coolness."

Their apology is that they mean nothing by it; not even deception of their friends. It is a mere form. Upon such material the Christian missionary has to work. As a clergyman, Mr. Mills has a good deal to say on the topic of conversion; but he does not seem to have faith in any of the methods now pursued, except by the Americans in the Lebanon, who teach the young to read and write, physic the sick, comfort the poor, study the Bible history, and trust for results to time.

At Home in Paris: and a Trip through the Vineyards to Spain. By W. Blanchard Jerrold. (Allen & Co.)

·Humorous in every page, and occasionally suggestive of wise thoughts on grave subjects, Mr. Blanchard Jerrold's new book about Paris is in every respect the most agreeable and satisfactory volume that has come from his pen. Paris, as she is known to English people who have been long resident on the banks of the Scine; Paris, as she appears to hasty tourists scampering along the Boulevards, with excur-sion-tickets in their waistcoat-pockets; and Paris, as she smiles and frowns on her own children, are successively put before the reader. The book professes to be nothing more than a folio of slight sketches; but some of the pieces possess a breadth and a purpose that place their artist in the higher rank of reflective observers. Mr. Jerrold begins with a series of lively caricatures introducing us to the con-cierge and tenants of "the house we lived in," under the strong rule of the silent man. There is M. Rataplan, the artist on the second floor, who is too much given to hospitality and inor-dinately fond of drum-music. "Now," observes Mr. Jerrold with a shudder, "in the beating of the drum there is the roll, the swell, the flam, and the ruffle;" and, he adds, "when, on a certain evening, it was whispered through the cavernous passages of our interminable house, that M. Rataplan, of the second floor, was going to receive some friends in his studio, his immediate neighbours—above and under and about him—began to make all kinds of preparations, and assume those various attitudes of firmness which travellers by sea adopt when the captain shakes his head, and says there is wind in the clouds." The Signorina Tollolli, who thirsts for vengeance on the director of the Italian Opera, and Mdlle. Gasparin, the gentle girl who is making a speedy descent to the grave, are well-managed pieces of character. Alluding to the sociability which is often an agreeable feature of dwellings divided into "flats," Mr. Jerrold remarks, "Floors drift into an acquaint-ance with each other. Children on the third floor fall ill, and a mother on the first floor asks tenderly after them." He even maintains that the system which gathers several families under one roof signally illustrates Dr. Johnson's theory, that proximity is the chief source of love. "Neighbours meet day after day on the common staircase, or at the concierge's door. In short, the notices of marriages that are posted against the walls of the twenty arrondissement Mairies are convincing evidence of the facility with which French people living in the same house become acquainted with one another. I am inclined to hold that at least twenty per cent. of the marriages that take place in Paris are between people who have come together accidentally by happening to take rooms in the same house. In every list of names and addresses of people about to be married, we find a 'Monsieur un tel,' of blank number, blank 'Mademoiselle une telle, même street, to With mingled generosity and bitterness, rousing a suspicion that he stands in lively dread of his own porter, Mr. Jerrold describes the good and evil qualities of that domestic officer who at the same time acts as doorkeeper and conscience-keeper to the inmates of every Paris house. "His prying habits apart, the concierge is what we call a respectable man. He is always at his post. He is bountifully civil. He is ever faithful to his trust. You will not often see a concierge before the Correctional Police."
Thus much Mr. Jerrold admits in the servant's favour; but, on the other hand, it is urged with equal justice that he is a spy, a gossip, and of '64

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d with and of all social tyrants the most powerful and malig-nant. "His tyranny is felt every hour in the day, but Paris must be rebuilt before it can be day, but rains must be from the better be the backen off. He can be punished if he betrays his trust; a lodger can compel the landlord to dismiss him if he misbehaves himself; but while he is merely a reckless gossip, a malicious while he is herely a reckless gossip, a matchous brewer of mischief, or an eccentric who is cushed by an overweening estimate of the importance of his duties, he must be tolerated; and not only be tolerated, he must be petted. A Parisian's house is not his castle—it is that of his concierge." Putting on his hat, Mr. Jerrold ms concerge. Futung on his hat, Mr. Jerrold leaves his house and strolls about Paris, gossiping with Bohemians, moralizing over the bookstalls of the Palais Royal, buying toys for his child, telling the world how his butcher lives, and showing how his melancholy baker dies. A passage from Mr. Jerrold's notes on the jour-neyman baker of Paris may be taken as a fair specimen of the entertainment to be found in his volume:—

"The Parisians will have new bread to dip into their matutinal coffee, so he must labour through the night. He must stand for hours between the current of night air and the mouth of the oven. current or night air and the mouth of the oven. He is thirty years old before he becomes a perfect workman: at forty, his strength is exhausted, and he is good for nothing. His sun is a smoky oillamp; the home of his waking moments—a stifling cellar. The air is charged with particles of flour that produce ophthalmia. He is cramped with rheumatism, and shaken with a chronic cough. The doctors who have examined the question, declare doctors who have examined the question, declare that it is impossible for a journeyman baker to pursue his vocation after he is fifty years of age. Melancholy, however, as the lot is of the Paris bread-maker, it is borne with patient courage. The trade is never in want of hands, and it is regularly established, like trades of happier promise, with its institutions, its fêtes, its houses of call, and its privileges. In the great freemasonry of labour which extends over France, the journeymen bakers are the children of Master Jacques; and under his protecting influence they make their tour of France. proceeding influence they make their tour of France It is said that some seven or eight hundred young werkmen annually start on this tour, full of hope, and with faith in their patron saint, St. Honoré. Albeit, the French bakers have proved somewhat fickle towards their saints. In the first instance, they placed themselves under the protection of St. Pierre aux Lieus, because his fête was in the harvest time. But they abandoned St. Peter for St. Lazarus in the Middle Ages, because the latter had the power of curing leprosy; and it was then the general belief that contact with the fire predisposed men to this scourge. Four centuries and a half having elapsed since the bakers forsook the protection of St. Lazarus, it is not strange that the reasons for their desertion have been lost. It is more than probable that, having discovered contact with fire did not produce leprosy, they felt themselves at perfect liberty to choose another saint from the calendar. It is but justice to the bakers to add, that at least they have been faithfull to their present saint during nearly four centu-ries; and that on the 16th of May, in every year, they celebrate his feast. On this happy May-day the mournful bread-makers come forth from their bakeries betimes; attire themselves in their best; deck themselves out in ribbons that mark their rank in their craft; and repair to the residence of the mother. It should be understood by the reader, that the Mother is the landlady of the house of entertainment where the various crafts of French working men meet. The mother is a personage of great distinction, to whom apprentices and jour-neymen pay the utmost respect. On the morning of St. Honore, when all the working bakers have assembled, they arrange themselves in procession, and, preceded by a band and a colossal cake, borne by two or three of their companions, proceed through the streets, to hear mass at the church of St. Roch. The religious service at an end, they

have been sent out to craftsmen of other trades for a ball in the evening. The printed invitations are ornamented with symbols of the craft, and have 'Honour and Glory to Labour' for their motto. The bakers' ball is said to be remarkable among Paris working men's balls for the elegance of the wives and daughters who attend it; and for the polite manners that are shown at it. The poor pale fathers and brothers forget the fetid bakery and the blazing oven for the moment, and do their best to be gay. The morrow will find them, probably, more sombre than ever."

Mr. Jerrold concludes with a description of a trip which he recently made by railway through the Pyrenees to St. Sebastian, Valladolid, Burgos, and Madrid. We cannot agree with the author in thinking that "St. Sebastian is a good specimen of a Spanish provincial town ; but his Spanish pictures glow with Spanish sunlight, and contain some useful hints for tourists who, now that the Brothers Pereire have put Madrid within thirty-five hours of Paris. are wishing to take a peep at the capital of Queen Isabella.

Lays of the Western Gael; and Other Poems. By Samuel Ferguson. (Bell & Daldy.)

READERS of current poetry must have met with some of Mr. Ferguson's lyrics. Collected for the first time into a volume, they will be welcome to lovers of ballad poetry. Mr. Ferguson is as good a modern representative of the ancient Irish bard as we shall find, inasmuch as his poetry is simple, objective, full of action. Of all living poets he has struck the Irish harp with the greatest power, and made the music that leaves heroic thrillings. He is not a political poet; not a bard of the Nation school. Indeed, we believe he was not considered to be sufficiently national by some of the Young Irelanders. Not national in their sense; a nationlanders. Not national in their sense; a nationality that should confine poetry to politics and repeal. We fancy it was Mr. Ferguson who wrote some lines in the *Dublin University Magazine* for May, 1847, containing a good-humoured reply on this subject, which amusingly illustrates the feeling of perplexity felt by many Irishmen on those questions of politics, race and religion, on behalf of which they are so ready to beat each other black and blue for the Orange and the Green, or on any colourable pretext whatever:-

able pretext whatever:—

I sometimes doubt if I have Irish blood in me,
So often in these mazes do I lose my clue,
Mixing Danes with Milesians, and the clear-faced Saxon
With the hairy, dirty children of Boru.
I have small faith in Punic etymologies,
I sometimes fancy Petrie and St. Patrick are the same;
I doubt that Betham knows all the tongues of Babel,
Or that William Smith O'Brien is a Hebrew name.
I don't care a button for "Young Ireland" or "Old
Ireland,"
But, as between the two, I rather like Ould Dan;
And I wish the "Nation" would let the agitation
Die out a humbug, as it first began.

So our author has gone his way, and the warm-hearted, hot-headed repealers have gone theirs; but whilst so many of them have sunk torques of gold, that are now set shining in his poetry. He has not spent his strength in useless declamatory verse—bitter enough to show us that if St. Patrick rid the Emerald Isle of the reptile nature through his holy influence, it has crept into the human nature, where it still works venomously enough—the venting of which upon one another, and on the Sister Isle, has been a sorry sight to English eyes. Nor has he set up an Irish lamentation on the part of his country to make her wail, like a weakly wife, over the evils of what she

who is the honoured guest. Plentiful invitations | past may have been for her. Nor has he symhave been sent out to craftsmen of other trades for pathized with that mournful spirit of Irish a ball in the evening. The printed invitations are with the persistence of a race that has seen better days, but has no future save in some land of dream. The spirit symbolled in Irish poetry by the blackbird singing his last farewell to the sunset; the sad spirit that will turn from the land of its love, which, as Thomas's Davis said, possesses a climate soft as a mother's smile, a soil fruitful as God's love, to look across the Atlantic, and instead of staying at home and giving itself to put a new soul into the old land, it will hurry thousands on thousands away to make manure with their bodies for the world of the Far West. For it would seem that the vision of the City of Gold-said in legends to be hidden somewhere in the Atlantic-which has so long gleamed in the eyes of Irish poets, and on finding which the Irish heart has been so bent, has at last taken absolute possession of so bent, has at last taken absolute possession of the Irish people until the mass of them are tending Atlantic-ward in the Exodus from Ireland of the Western Gael. To this unstead-fast, wandering, homeless spirit Mr. Ferguson does not appeal, unless it be to make it look at home, and stay at home, and do worthy work for the land of which he sings :-

for the land of which he sings:—
A plenteous place is Ireland for hospitable cheer,
Uileacan dubh O!
Where the wholesome fruit is bursting from the yellow-barley ear;
Uileacan dubh O!
There is honey in the trees where her misty vales expand,
And her forest paths, in summer, are by falling waters
fann'd,
There is dew at high noontide there, and springs i' the
yellow sand,
On the fair hills of holy Ireland.

Large and profitable are the stacks upon the ground, Uileacan dubh O!

The butter and the cream do wondrously abound, Uileacan dubh O!

The cresses on the water and the sorrels are at hand, And the cuckoo's calling daily his note of music bland, And the bold thrush sings so bravely his song i' the forests

grand, On the fair hills of holy Ireland.

It is a comfort to meet with an Irish bard who can praise his own country without eter-nally cursing the Saxon. Mr. Ferguson evi-dently accepts established facts, and sees that those who will not be ruled with the rudder must be ruled by the rock. Also, we should not be surprised to learn that he finds something to be proud of in that prodigal daring shown by his countrymen who have fought on shown by his countrymen who have fought on so many a field, charging together shoulder to shoulder with Englishmen, to fall side by side, or stand flushed with victory on the summit of success. Whereas the "Young Irelanders" could only rejoice over the doings of the "Irish Brigade" in foreign service, we imagine Mr. Ferguson would respond to the charging cry of the "Faugh-a-Ballagh" boys, who startled the French at Busaco, and helped to smite and crush the victorious column toiling up the hill. crush the victorious column toiling up the hill, just ready to snatch at triumph on the top; feel some warlike joy in reading of the bloody wrestle for conquest at Meeanee, where the 22nd Regiment—Napier's "Magnificent Tipperary!"—bore up the bending battle line so long and so wall in that time of long and so well in that time of sorest need. Mr. Ferguson has found his way direct to the Irish heart and wedded it to the English tongue. He offers us a handful of flowers fresh from Irish earth.

The "Forging of the Anchor" is one of the bravest ballads ever written, and, in itself, enough to make a poet's fame. Though it be well known, we cannot resist quoting the hearty opening burst :-

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All clad in leathern panoply, their broad hands only bare: Some rest upon their sledges here, some work the windlass

And rod and deep a hundred veins burst out at every throe:

It rises, roars, rends all outright—0, Vulcan, what a glow!

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The high sun sees not, on the earth, such flery fearful show, The roof-ribs swarth, the candent hearth, the ruddy lurid

of smiths that stand, an ardent band, like men before the foe,
As, quivering through his fleece of flame, the sailing monster, slow

As, quivering through his neece of haine, the saming mon-sinks ter, slow il:—all about the faces flery grow; "Hurrah!" they shout, "leap out—leap out;" bang, bang the sledges go: Hurrah! the jetted lightnings are hissing high and low—

A halling fount of fire is struck at every squashing blow; The leathern mail rebounds the hail, the rattling cinders

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The ground around; at every bound the sweltering fountains flow,
And thick and loud the swinking crowd at every stroke pant "ho!"

Leap out, leap out, my masters; leap out and lay on load!
Let's forge a goodly anchor—a bower thick and broad; For a heart of oak is hanging on every blow, I bode:
I see the good ship riding all in a perilous road—
The low reef roaring on her lee—the roll of ocean pour'd From stem to stern, sea after sea, the mainmast by the board.

board.

The bulwarks down, the rudder gone, the boats stove at the chains!

But courage still, brave mariners—the bower yet remains,
And not an inch to flinch he deigns, save when ye pitch

sky high;
Then moves his head, as though he said, "Fear nothing—here am I."

Possibly that is more likely to win appreciation in England than in Ireland, as we have more of the sea-spirit.

A fairy legend was never more exquisitely bodied forth than in Mr. Ferguson's 'Anna Grace' or 'The Fairy Thorn,' and some halfdozen of these ballads have never been surpassed. In all natural qualities they are worthy of claiming kinship with the simple,

noble antiques.

The fault we have to find with Mr. Ferguson is, that he has not done enough. He has accomplished much; lifted Irish poetry out of the mire; finished some gems with a loving fastidiousness, and given them a worthy set-ting. But has he not been too fastidious? The poet of such a race who shall adequately express its tenderness which flashes like the fire in a tear, and smites the heart like the "cry of a woman"; who shall also possess the true twinkle of Hibernian humour such as can pierce the tear of sorrow with its diamond point of wit, and wink away the weeping, will hardly be restrained and restricted by the canons of taste laid down by a race that takes things much more coolly. There is in the Irish nature the maddest human will-o'-the-wisp; the most piquant, subtle and evasive spirit that ever mortal followed and tried in vain to grasp. In a hundred shapes and ways it gleams and is gone with a laugh,—a sparkle,—an echo in Elfland. Now, it is tremulous to tears, in a music that seems to have gathered up the sorrows of ages and ages of wrong and suffering; and anon it breaks out in the wildest, most utter gloriousness of Irish joy. Now it is soft as the feeling of a mother fondling her babe, new-born; and again, at the sound of battle it springs up stern at heroic height, filled with warlike fire, and treads the way to death with a martial glee. We get many a glimpse of this spirit in Irish poetry. Various singers have wooed the sparkling Beauty, though she has been wed by none. Mr. Allingham caught a gleam when he wrote of a girl dancing-

The music nearly kill'd itself to listen to her feet.

And Thomas Davis when he wrote—

Tho' it break my heart to hear, say again the bitter words. So did the lover who called his sweetheart a sweet blossom all down to the ground," as well as the one who paid his mistress the com-

would listen to her voice, and "milk over twothirds more than their wont"-a splendid sample of Irish preciseness! Also the speaker who pleads thus with his beloved-

What a few sweet words of life Would make us man and wife.

Mr. Ferguson has caught many glimpses, sunbright or shadowy, of this perplexing spirit. It smiles slyly in his version of "Youghall Harbour"—

Irbour"—

My heart and hand here! I mean you marriage!
I have loved like you and know love's pain;
And if you turn back now to Youghall Harbour,
You ne'er shall want house or home again:
You shall have a lace cap like any lady,
Cloak and capuchin, too, to keep you warm,
And if God please, maybe, a little baby,
By and bye, to nestle within your arm.

It dances with a gay abandon in the "Pastheen

Then, Oro, come with me! come with me! come with me!
Oro, come with me! brown girl, sweet!
And, oh! I would go thro' snow and sleet,
If you would come with me, brown girl, sweet!

It glances and blushes in the modest homely beauty of the "Pretty girl of Loch Dan"—

She brought us in a beechen bowl, Sweet milk, that smack'd of mountain thyme, Oat cake and such a yellow roll Of butter—it gilds all my rhyme!

Its bosom heaves proudly in "Deirdra's Lament"; its voice works weirdly with a mournful prognostication in "The Downfall of the Gael." prognostication in The Downland of the Class, and is smiting and thorough as the stroke of a Belooch swordsman in the "Address to the Clans of Wicklow." But this Irish spirit has yet to be wooed and won for domestic life. What an immortal brood she would bring to the man who should marry her out and out. We hope Mr. Ferguson is not too old; he is otherwise aptly endowed with gifts for such a purpose. But the capricious creature will not be wooed too sedately. Meanwhile we have to give our best word of commendation to these 'Lays of the Western Gael.'

Normandy, its Gothic Architecture and History, as illustrated by Twenty-five Photographs from Buildings in Rouen, Caen, Mantes, Bayeux, and Falaise: a Sketch. By F. G. Stephens. (Bennett.)

To the lover and student of architecture, and of the romantic histories which belong to ancient abbey and ruined castle, what country offers a holiday treat so rich as Normandy? Every city has its grand cathedral or parish church; every town has its old gateway; every hill its château; every river its picturesque bridge. Rouen alone is a place of pilgrimage, -a perfect treasury of Art in stone, which has the gloomy interest of rapidly dying out of sight for ever. The hand of the spoiler is upon its streets and shrines. The city has been pierced through and through; long, wide avenues—Rue Napoléon, Rue de l'Impératrice—cutting it into nice military divisions, governable by shot and shell delivered from mortars in the upper town. All the old houses are coming down; those quaint old edifices of wood and plaster which delight us in the drawings of Prout and Roberts. Those persons who would like to remember what Rouen was in its picturesque day should take it early in their way to Paris, for in another year or so it will be as much changed, for better and worse, as the capital itself. And, then, what treasures of Art at Caen, at Falaise, at Coutances! In our own country we might match these beauties easily; for no province of Europe stands before us in the glories of Gothic Art. We must go to Pisa, to Granada, if we would find a rival to such a group of edifices as Wells Cathedral, the Bishop's Palace, and Glastonbury Abbey. But the strongest stickler for things

pliment of saying, that when she sang the cattle | English must admit that it is well for him to go abroad sometimes, if only that he may come back more in love with his native land; and if the rambler be an artist or a lover of Art, he could hardly do better than take the train to Newhaven, the boat to Dieppe, and spend a few days about the country between Rouen and Avranches.

Should he do so, let him by all means put Mr. Stephens's pretty and useful book into his It is put forth with a certain typographical luxury, and is illustrated by a series of photographs,— on the whole, admirably taken. One or two of these photographs, as 'The Convent of the Benedictines, Rouen,' 'The West Front of the Cathedral in the same Town,' and 'St. Ouen from the South-East,' are fine specimens of that wonder-working process which every month seems to bring to higher and higher perfection. Others, as, for instance, 'The Church of St. Étienne le Vieux, Caen,' are a little black and blurred; in one or two the architectural lines appear to us slightly awry. In a country where there is so much to admire, and so much to debate, every man will have his favourite objects; and Mr, Stephens having left them out, will be open to the remark that his selection bespeaks the fancies of a tourist who loiters long in one or two favourite spots, rather than the research of one desirous of illustrating a district throughout so rich as Normandy. Why, for example, has he spoken of Mantes, and left out Coutances? Mr. Stephens makes much use, as he had a right to do, of the striking chronicle of Ordericus Vitalis; but we are not so well pleased with his quotations from Sir Francis Palgrave, into whose lucubrations there enters a mixture of the foppery of enthusiasm. The book, some thirty years old, by Dawson Turner and Cotman, first turned the attention of many English lovers of Art to the splendours of French Church Architecture. Many changes have come over the world since that book appeared; a new race of students and tourists has sprung into being; realists, who prefer truth to fancy, correctness to colour; men who have only a little time snatched from business, in which they want to see the best things, and to see them under proper guidance. To this tribe of close and exacting readers we recommend Mr. Stephens's text and Mr. Bennett's photographs.

Cakes, Leeks, Puddings, and Potatoes. A Lecture on the Nationalities of the United Kingdom. By George Seton, Advocate, M.A. (Edinburgh, Edmonston & Douglas.)

ANALYSIS of national character is work for a philosopher whose span of life and study should be measured, like that of the old Chal-dees, by centuries. At the end of time and study, the philosopher would find that what was once true had ceased to be so, and that at no period would his generalizations have correctly grasped all the facts. A modern philosopher who cannot expect to have as long a lease of his life as he has of his house, must struggle with the same difficulty. Character is the glass in a kaleidoscope. Looked at through a certain medium, the inner character, so to speak, is one of great and varied beauty. Examined minutely, there are only showy and worthless bits of glass in the tube, after all.

National character is more evanescent than the rainbow. The seven colours of Iris, shift as they may, are always the same. National character is more shifting, and it never presents itself at two different periods alike in its form and quality. And these periods may not be distant from each other. A generation ago there

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were "gentlemen" whom ruffianism would now hardly acknowledge for sons. They would appear to be too bad for such affiliation. It is some fourscore years since the Abbé Coyer wrote his Nouvelles Observations sur l'Angleterre.' At the present day that volume presents views of men and things that are more foreign to us than, in the writer's days, they were to the Abbé. Take the very latest record of recent Abbe. Take the very lates record of recent conduct and experience of life,—that by Mr. Grantley Berkeley. The lying lords, the swin-dling noblemen, the aristocratic bruisers, the well-descended blackguards,—they all seem like fossils in our eyes, the relics of a period anything similar to which is not likely to occur again. The men who delighted in the indecency of the Age and the filth of the Satirist have long been "down among the dead men," with those corrupted and corrupting teachers. Since their time, the tone of general society has improved, not merely in the metropolitan cities but throughout the realm. Mr. Seton has reviewed that society, but we must say that the best part of his book, with one exception, is the title-page. Of Wales and Ireland he knows little or nothing. Of the land of cakes, being a native, an observant one too, and in the habit of "takin' notes," he speaks with more warrant. Herein lies the exceptionally good part of his little book. A Scot any good part of ms lettle book. A Sect who speaks with severity of Scottish ways and manners, is a variety; but Mr. Seton denounces to his countrymen "their tendency to avoid every approach to the outward display of reverence" in their religion. He fears display of reverence in their religion. He lears that they are at least not better than other countries with regard to "drunkenness, licentiousness, and other heinous sins." He remarks that mere school "knowledge," without the cultivation of the higher branches of learning, has not made them a more amiable people. Of the scholastic inferiority of the worthiest of the national clergy he has no doubt, and he agrees with Hugh Miller, that "there is an order of English mind to which the Scottish mind has not attained." The warm feeling of a Scot towards a stranger, he tells us; is but very slowly kindled; "the operation is most laborious"; and, as between Scottish and English women, he boldly avows that the more frequent beauty is to be met with among the latter. This censor, moreover, makes a note of the "pitiable love of show" among his countrymen and women, mixed with "a sullen, distant, dour uncourteousness of manner, which is very far from being either creditable to themselves or pleasant to those who are favoured with its display." Mr. Seton is altogether perplexed on this subject, and expresses his astonishment that the long and intimate con-nexion between Scotland and France "should not have left some slight traces of the politeness and refinement for which that country is so justly celebrated." Mr. Seton is not aware how much the French character itself has deteriorated on these points during the last half-century. The refinement and politeness of many modern Frenchmen would have been stigmatized as rudeness and incivility by their fathers. To those fathers even an old woman was a goddess. To the sons, a lady past thirty is not an object of kindly homage.

But let us look less to general than to special characteristics associated with the inhabitants of certain districts :-

"Thus, the people of Lothian and Berwickshire are flatteringly described as 'Loudon louts, Merse brutes, and Lammermuir whaups; the inhabitants of the three great commercial towns of the west, as 'Glasgow people, Greenock folk, and Paisley bodies;' the natives of the Carse of Gowrie, in

men o' the Mearns.' Again, while some of the inhabitants of the 'kingdom' of Fife are considered to be slightly subject to lunar influences, as indicated by the term 'Fifeish,' the legal gentlemen ance." of the capital of Angus are not very enviably characterized as the 'drunken writers of Forfar.' In allusion to this unfortunate reproach, at a public In alusion to this unfortunate reproach, at a public meeting held several years ago with reference to the proposed drainage of a lake in the neighbour-hood of that town, the late Earl of Strathmore said that he believed the cheapest method of draining the loch would be to throw a few hogsheads of good whisky into the water, and set the drunken writers of Forfar to drink it up!"

Here is a good taste of the Highlander's

vanity:
"'The Highlander never understands wit or
humour; Paddy, despite all his misery and privations, overflows with both.' The Highlander's indolence and aversion to labour—in plain English, his lazy habits-are well known to the Southrons, and are sometimes explained as the result of his ludicrous dignity and self-importance—features which present themselves in all grades of the Gaelic population. 'The stately step of a piper,' is a propopulation. 'The stately step of a piper,' is a proverb in Scotland, which reminds me of an anecdote of a certain noble Lord when in attendance upon the Queen at Balmoral, a few years ago. Having been commissioned by a friend to procure a performer on the melodious pipes, he applied to Her Majesty's piper—a fine stalwart Highlander—and on being asked what kind of article was required, his Lordship said in reply, 'Just such another as yourself.' The consequential Celtreadily exclaimed, with more than the wonted humour, 'There are plenty o' lords like yoursel', but very few sic pipers as me!'"

Mr. Seton thus contrasts the Scotch laird and English squire:-

and English squire:—

"A good story is told of a small Highland laird, who contemplated the erection of a magnificent castle on a very limited territory, with reference to which one of his neighbours humorously remarked, 'I wonder on whose ground —— intends to encroach, when he carries his plans into execution.' This pitiable love of show is, of course, accompanied by a vast amount of discomfort, to which our more sensible English neighbours are utter strangers. The snug and cheerful mansion which accommodates an English gentleman with a sure rental of 10,000?. a year would be regarded as insufficient by many a Scotch laird with an uncertain income of as many hundreds. Unfortunately the same tendency is discernible among our nately the same tendency is discernible among our nately the same tendency is discernible among our professional and commercial classes, who too frequently sacrifice real enjoyment to mere external display. In his letters from Scotland, written about the year 1730, Capt. But refers to the ludicrous misapplication of terms on the part of the Scotch, with the view of acquiring importance. 'A pedling shopkeeper,' he says, 'that sells a pennyworth of thread, is a merchant; the person who is sent for that thread has received a commission; and bringing it to the sender is making report. and bringing it to the sender is making report. A bill to let you know there is a single room to be let is called a placard; the doors are ports; an enclosed field of two acres is a park; and the wife of a laird of fifteen pounds a year is a lady, and treated with your ladyship."

As samples of Scottish and Irish feeling, Mr. Seton affords the following testimony:-

"On one occasion, when I happened to be spending a short time at the Castleton of Braemar, an old Irish admiral, in the course of a geological ramble among the mountains, was lost for upwards of two whole days and nights, just as I was leaving the locality. The enlightened natives of the district, locality. The enlightened natives of the district, including guides, gamekeepers, &c., who were thoroughly familiar with every corrie in that magnificent neighbourhood, instead of forthwith scouring the country-side in search of him, hardly left their cottage doors. They talked enough about 'the puir shentleman,' but did nothing; and but for the active and intelligent exertions of the parish minister and a few of his most intimate friends, the bones of the worthy admiral would now, have been bleeching or the three great commercial towns of the west, and intelligent exertions of the parish minister and a favorable forms of Apollo and Jupiter were successively as 'Glagow people, Greenock folk, and Paisley bodies;' the natives of the Carse of Gowrie, in Perthshire, as the 'carles of the Carse;' and the mountains. Let me not fail to mention among the mountains. Let me not fail to mention what he did, in return for the energy of the High-the attributes of Jupiter and Mercury.

It is Mr. Seton's opinion that the Winchester inscription, "Manners makyth man," "might, with propriety, be inscribed over the portals of our Scottish seminaries of useful learning." This conclusion at which he arrives, and other judgments which he sententiously renders, must not, however, make us too proud of ourselves here, in the English capital; for Mr. Seton abates our pride, and adds one more Scottish characteristic to his book, by exclaiming, just in time to save the old Scottish honour—"I have yet to learn that anything so intensely vulgar and contemptible as the Cock-neyism of the Londoners is to be found to the north of the Tweed!"

A New History of Painting in Italy, from the Second to the Sixteenth Century. By J. A. Crowe and G. B. Cavalcaselle. (Murray.)

THE authors of the 'Early Flemish Painters' have taken up the theme of Italian Art. Of the new task, as proposed by themselves, the two volumes now before us comprise the history of painting complete to the close of the fourteenth century, partially so to the end of the fifteenth, leaving the sixteenth untouched. Giovanni Santi, Raphael's father, to whom Messrs. Crowe and Cavalcaselle do more than Messrs. Crowe and Cavalcaselle do more than justice for his genius, is the latest painter here treated of. The remainder of the subject will, say the authors, probably be dealt with in a third and fourth volume. The work is illustrated by many plates, some of which have already appeared in Kugler's 'Handbook of Painting,' others are new, but of similar character. The book is further illustrated by footnotes to the pages, which describe the present condition of many of the examples of Art to which reference is made; these notes deserve especial attention on account of their unusually valuable character.

The sketch given here of the history of the most ancient forms of Christian Art contains little or nothing that is new, until the period of the third century is reached. The account which the authors give of the next phase of Art is brilliant and readable; they point out, as others had done before them, that the Christian painters of Rome some time in the second or third century symbolized the Redeemer, and made the episodes of the Old Testament prefigurate, so to say, those of the New; and soon rid themselves of restraint in depicting sacred subjects, adopting, for the most part, those hea-then symbols which their fathers had rejected with horror. They did so, but we may add that it was with a Christian acceptation of the signs. These things soon became conventional, and we see in the representations of the Redeemer which are of very ancient date, as well as in the descriptions of the pseudo Lentulus, and that by the more recent John of Damascus, ideals of beauty proper to their own ages. The progress of the art from the ideal to the personal, and the distinction which men soon began to make between Christ and his disciples began to make between Christ and his disciples as respectively ideal and human, pronounced themselves as early as the end of the fourth century, when we have something like those types of St. Peter and St. Paul which have now been accepted for nearly fifteen hundred years. Even before this time the face of Christ had become mythical in its character: the forms of Apollo and Jupiter were successively

It will readily be believed by those who are | acquainted with the former work by Messrs. Crowe and Cavalcaselle, that these authors do not hesitate to set their own critical judgment, which is founded on observation and technical skill, above that of the so-called historical school of writers on Art. Here is a passage which will show how this is done in the present work. It refers to a picture of the greatest interest.-

"Critics have long been deceived by a so-called mosaic in the Christian Museum of the Vatican, into the belief that the Saviour was represented in the earliest times in the green tunic, long hair and beard, and the classical forms of a Greek philosopher. A Latin inscription vouches for the truth of a theory which analysis entirely overthrows. The celebrated ikon is but a plaster imitation of a mosaic, and may have been a copy of an old

classic portrait.

It is true that this work has been relied on by writers on Art who derive their knowledge from books and catalogues, rather than through the safer channel of technical attainments, which furnish powers undreamt of by the literary historians of Art. The frightful abyss into which Dr. Waagen fell in treating as originals certain copies of Claude's pictures which are in the National Gallery, as recorded by us some time since, has made men suspicious of the opinions of amateur critics. Rumohr was we believe, the first to give importance to the ikon in question. Our authors give great at tention to ancient processes of painting, and thus we get from this book many hints on the nature of examples, such as no other kind of information would afford. It would be difficult to overrate the importance of this branch of study; it enables a critic to speak in a far more conclusive manner as to the nature, and even the origin, of a picture than it would be safe to do on the authority of records alone.

The writers are liberal in their idea of the subject before them. This is shown by their treating so recondite a subject as the history of Pisan sculpture in the fourteenth century as an adjunct to that of painting. No account of the Pisan revival would be complete if this branch of the subject were neglected. The authors are unquestionably right in seeing how Art was illustrated by the sculptors in question. Painting owed much to them for the manner in which they inculcated the study of nature, however indirectly they did it, and however slight was their ultimate success. We commend the whole of this section to the student, especially that part of it which ingeniously, if not conclusively, traces the spring of Pisan sculpture to a source in southern Italy, and endeavours to find a key to the mystery as to whence arose the sudden glory of Niccola Pisano, sculptor of the pulpit in the Baptistery of Pisa, in the fact that noble and similarly inspired works of that age exist in St. Pantaleone at Ravello, near Amalfi, which are dated 1272, and were executed by Nicholas de Bartolommeus da Foggia. Foggia was a favourite residence of the Emperor Frederic the Second, and it possessed an architect who "may have been" the father of the Nicholas in question. At any rate, long before the time of the execution of the Pisan pulpit (1260), there were placed (1179) in St. Pantaleone the bronze gates which represent the Passion of Christ. Repetitions of these gates occur at Monreale and Trani; those at Monreale are signed "Barisanus Tranensis me fecit."

"Thus, in South Italy, as early as the twelfth century, and three years earlier than Bonnanno (a predecessor of Niccola at Pisa), a sculptor of Trani is traced, who so far surpassed the Pisan that one might say his work is new and admirable. Trani, Foggia, both in Apulia, seem to have had

good and intelligent artists in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, sculptors in every sense superior to those of Pisa, and one of them, Nicholas di Bartolommeo, so like Niccola of Pisa in style that their works may be confounded. It is, therefore, neither contrary to fact nor to experience to suppose that Niccola of Pisa was a born Apulian, and that he was educated in that country. It might be urged that in the inscription on the pulpit at Pisa he is styled Pisanus, but every citizen had a right to that qualification after he had taken the freedom. It might be urged that Nicholas of Foggia was a pupil of Niccola of Pisa, but, if so, might it not be natural to expect that history should record his presence elsewhere than in the South of Italy, where his work is alone preserved, and would not his style have made a nearer approach to the later one of Giovanni?"

The last is a cogent argument. We have entered upon this subject because it has great interest to students of English Art,-interest which is due to the existence, in the statues of Queen Eleanor, of English works of ineffable beauty, and which seem to indicate a more advanced state of Art in this country at the time they were executed (1291) than that which appears in Italy but a short time before. The Eleanor statues, by the perfection of their execution and that degree of idealization which they exhibit, are evidently not productions of a nascent school, still less of one which, like that of the Pisani, sought its inspiration in the Roman antique. These figures are, beyond all reasonable doubt, the work of an Englishman, Torrel. Casts of the panels of the Pisan pulpit having been recently placed in the South Kensington Museum will enable students to enter into this question with great advantages. Messrs. Crowe and Cavalcaselle's treatment of this subject from an artistic point of view is not less valuable than that which we have quoted: their criticism on the works of the Pisani is masterly.

Following the history of Art from the period just named, through that part which treats of Cimabue, Giotto, the Gaddi, Stefano "the starry," whom Vasari exalted, say the authors, in order that a Florentine might stand in fair comparison with Ugolino of Siena, but of whose work nothing remains to justify the words of his gossiping countryman, which words are proved to be self-contradictory in more than one sense and point,—we come to Orcagna. Of this painter, in comparison with Giotto, we have an eloquent account, highly laudatory of his genius, and showing him at his true elevarion. Our authors go carefully into the question, originally proposed by E. Forster, whether the wonderful frescoes of Hell, Death, and Judgment, which adorn the walls of Giovanni Pisano's building, the Campo Santo at Pisa, are really by Orcagna or not. The opinion that the brothers Lorenzetti, of Siena, executed these works is analyzed with care, technical skill and critical tact; a verdict is given in favour of one Andrea da Firenze as their painter. To Andrea Orcagna, Vasari attributes the 'Death' and 'Judgment,' probably on the strength of having heard that a Florentine of the former name executed the work in question; the discovery, which was made of late, that another Andrea wrought in the Campo Santo, seems to settle those doubts as to Vasari's assertion which had arisen from a comparison of Orcagna's known works with the series in question.

Messrs. Crowe and Cavalcaselle broach some novel convictions as to the respective shares of the painter of the frescoes in the Brancacci Chapel, at Florence, which have been so long attributed to Masolino and Masaccio, and they deny to the former that part which has been assigned to him. One of the arguments employed

works in question, as to their style and execution, with those which have recently been discovered in the church of Castiglione di Olona, near Milan, which are signed by Masolino, and were probably executed about the year 1428. The writers describe these interesting works: they suggest that Masaccio executed the whole of the frescoes in the Brancacci which, on Vasari's authority, have been divided between him and Masolino. For our part, we find considerable differences to exist in the works in question, and are led to agree with the received opinion that two hands wrought the series. It is true that the examples at Castiglione, to judge by the engraving contained in this book, are decidedly inferior to those in the Brancacci Chapel which are attributed to Masolino; this is not sufficient, however, to justify us in ascribing the latter to Masaccio. We recollect how short was the life of Masaccio; he was certainly not more than twenty-seven years of age when he died, and was a goldsmith at the age of nineteen, and we feel that if even it was but in the beginning of his short career he painted the frescoes attributed to Masolino, he must have been a much more extraordinary man than he was if those works in the Brancacci Chapel, which all men agree are his, marked the advance of but a few years' labour. We believe he began at a higher level than that proper to the fres-coes which are attributed to Masolino. Our authors' argument and illustrations on this subject deserve the fullest consideration from all students; the matter in question is of great interest. The description of the works in the Brancacci Chapel is not only vivid and full of valuable criticism, but it throws a light, which was new to us, on the subject of one of the pictures.

By way of displaying some of the varied sources which have lately been called to the aid of the historian of Art, let us extract the following sketch of the life of Masaccio. It is stated that one of the reasons which led to the return of that painter from Rome to Florence was probably the reinstatement of Giovanni di Bicci de' Medici (1420), in power at the last

named city:-

"Among the acts which had made Giovanni famous is one which originated in 1427, and caused much ill blood in the community. He erected the office of the Catasto, invented income tax schedules, and thus brought together an invaluable store of information as to the lives and property of every individual in the state. Even Masaccio was obliged to make a return of his income and property, and from this document, which shows that he poss nothing but debts, history has gained not only the date of his birth, but the exact condition in which he lived and the place where he kept his shop. His mother had lost her first husband, and was now the widow of a second called Tedesco di Castel S. Giovanni. Her prospects in life were not brilliant; of her dower 100 florins still remained due. Mona d' Andreuccio di Castel S. Giovanni owed her forty florins, and the executors of her second husband sixty florins, as well as the rent of a vineyard in Castel di S. Giovanni. Beyond these sums in expectancy, she possessed not a farthing. On the other hand, Masaccio, who lived with his brother Giovanni, born in 1407, and his mother, born in 1382, though he earned 6 soldi per diem, owed 102 livres 4 soldi to Niccolo di Ser Lapo, a painter, 6 florins to one Piero Battiloro, and had various articles of property in pledge at the pawn-shops of the 'Lion' and the 'Cow' (according to other records it appears that poor Masaccio would have to pay interest on these loans at the rate of 50 per cent. per annum). His assistant,
Andrea di Giusto, received but irregular pay, and
claimed in 1427, for salary in arrear, 6 florins.
The family lived in a house in the quarter S. Croce, for which they paid 10 florins a year, and Tommaso kept one of the shops annexed to the old Badia, to this end is founded on a comparison of the | built, it is said, by Arnolfo near the Palazzo del

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de' Medici employed to skin his painters? The writers of this book have not succeeded in clearing up the mystery which surrounds the death of Masaccio. They carry on their task from the death of Masaccio, by treating that curious class, the Camaldolese painters, of whom Lorenzo Monaco is the type, and succeed in giving an interest even to that somewhat dry section of the history of Art. Fra Angelico cames next, with the Domenicans of Fiesale. comes next, with the Domenicans of Fiesole. Here is the record of his entry to the convent: "1407, Brother Joannes Petri de Mugello, of

200 livres, and, in a latter declaration of 1430, that

68 livres were still due, which he had no hope of ever receiving, as Tommaso had gone to Rome, had died there, and his brother Giovanni pretended

It would be difficult to find a more complete account of a man than this. What should we

say to such income-tax collectors as Giovanni de' Medici employed to skin his painters? The

Vicchio, who excelled as a painter, and adorned many tables and walls in diverse places, accepts the habit of a clerk. * * And in the following year professed." The authors believe him to have been a pupil of Masolino, developed upon study of the works of Orcagna and even Star-nina. The sketch of the character of Angelico and his works is admirable. We then proceed through the century with the histories of Spinello Aretino, the revived Sienese School, of Duccio, Ugolino, Simone, the Lorenzetti, &c., and that of the Umbrian School, the chapters relating to which are amongst the most interest-

ing with which we are acquainted. Although we dissent from the authors in attributing as they, dissent from the authors in attributing as they, probably rather hastily, do, the famous Patera of the Casa Martelli, which is now at South Kensington, to Donatello, we find in their critical estimate of the genius of that wonderful man much that will be read with pleasure by

all; taken with the analysis of the style and intellect of Ghiberti, this section is a fine piece Interiect of camberd, this section is a fine piece of discriminating criticism. The accounts of Uccelli, Dellè, Fra Filippo, Alesio Baldovinetti, Botticelli, merit scarcely less attention than those which go before. The history of Ghirlandajo is excellent. The second volume proceeds to deal with Gozzoli and the Florentines of that epoch in Art. Piero della Francesco, Melozzo

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This book is a welcome contribution to
the library of Art, none the less so that it
deals with the personal and human element of
the subject, and avoids, as is not always the
case, to treat as paramount the merely historical section of the same. An excellent index
with which this book is furnished places it far
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Jeanne Laraguay: a Novel. By Mrs. Hamerton. (Chapman & Hall.)

Mrs. Hamerton's novel exhibits so much feminine prettiness and piquancy, that we are constrained to deal tenderly with it, notwithstanding a want of originality that in one place almost lays her open to a charge of plagiarism, and notwithstanding the vicious basis and disagreeable positions of the story. Jeanne Laraguay, the heroine, is the only child of M. Laraguay, a Parisian banker, who in early life was guilty of forgery. In spite of the unwholesome influences surrounding her frivolous life, Jeanne is as good and clever as she is beautiful and beloved. She has been taken from her convent and introduced into a brilliant, wealthy, pleasure-seeking set of Parisians, when she makes the acquaintance of M. Laubry, an artist, who is engaged to give her lessons in Art. The professor is bound by honour not to make love to Jeanne, and for a while he acts

Podesta, for which he paid 2 florins a year. The condition of Masaccio was more favourable, according to his own account, than the reality; Niccolo di Ser Lapo, in his schedule of the year 1427, declares that Tommaso di Ser Giovanni owes him like a man of high principle; but temptation overpowers him, and circumstances so change the aspect of affairs, that he feels himself at liberty to forget his promise to Madame Laubry. Ere he has declared his devotion, Jeanne has fallen deeply in love with her tutor; and the prospect before the young people is—marriage or misery. Thus the case stands when Sir Henry Luton appears on the scene, and pays his addresses to Mademoiselle Jeanne. Sir Henry is a wealthy English baronet; he is already married to a woman of whose existbeanne. Sir Henry is a weatiny English Daronet; he is already married to a woman of whose existence society is ignorant; moreover, he is the one living person who possesses the proofs of M. Laraguay's early error, is the one person who can reduce the banker from a position of honour to a convict's prison. Sir Henry insists on making Jeanne his wife; and Jeanne, who has learnt the awful secret of her house, consents to marry the man whom she hates, and discard the man whom she loves, in order that she may shield her father from ignominious punishment. The wedding is on the point of celebration, when M. Laubry, the artist, obtains a complete knowledge of Sir Henry Luton's early history, proves him to be a bigamist in intention, and compels him to relinquish his claim to Jeanne's hand, and also to deliver up the documentary evidence of M. Laraguay's forgery. Thus the villain is defeated; the virtuous forger is freed from dread of exposure; and the lovers begin the world as men and wife.

The story is artificial and unsatisfactory in all that concerns its plot; but the principal characters (Sir Henry Luton excepted) are well conceived, though inadequately worked out. Madame Laraguay, Jeanne's mamma, is a good specimen of the worldly, shrewd Frenchwoman; and old Madame worldly, shrewd Frenchwoman; and old Madame Laraguay, Jeanne's grandmamma, is a still better specimen of the amiable, clever, right-minded French lady. Indeed these women, representing three successive generations, are excellently con-trasted. The domestic interior of M. Laraguay's quarters in the Chaussée d'Antin, is described with ability. Clearly Mrs. Hamerton knows something of French life and character, and we are inclined to think that she will, at some future time, write a good novel; but she has much to learn, and do, and suffer, before she will be entitled to a place amongst the superior writers of prose fiction.

Margaret Denzil's History. Annotated by her Husband. Reprinted from the Cornhill Maga-zine. 2 vols. (Smith, Elder & Co.)

'Margaret Denzil's History' opens beautifully. The story of the young girl's mysterious, broken recollections of her life; her seclusion in the cottage of the New Forest, with a man and his wife, who, although they called her their child, were not, she knew well, really her parents; the account of her midsummer day and night in the forest; her more light forces and strenge varie terrors. her moonlight fancies, and strange vague terrors; the face which she sees beside her own in the pool; the face which she sees beside her own in the pool; the string of strange beads which she brings up from the bottom of the water,—are described with a power of imagination, which prepares the reader for a story of no common interest. The man and his wife who have the care of the child are cleverly indicated; the crime or the mystery con-necting them with her is indicated in a way that makes the reader's heart beat with expectation. The stranger who finds her lying in a swoon from exhaustion and terror, and who constitutes himself exhaustion and terror, and who constitutes himself the earthly Providence of the poor little friendless child, is well described. The style is good, and the pure English is a luxury, after the slip-slop writing in which so many novelists indulge. But, after the first chapter, the story falls off, and never fulfils the promise of its prime. The author has apparently lost his hold upon the first idea he had of the story, and painted it in bit by bit, with only a vague notion of what he intended to make of it: the story loses all its shape in the process of telling, and becomes tiresome and unsatisfactory.

In the beginning, the story laid down is that of a girl left, not only an orphan, but without any clue to her relatives or parentage; left to the mercy

clue to her relatives or parentage; left to the mercy of bad and poor labouring people. A story of wrong and murder is indicated, as well as of poverty and abandoment; but the clue to the mystery, when it is at last given, is as broken and unsatisfactory

as a bad dream. The stranger who, in the first chapter, becomes the girl's guardian, sends her to the school of Madame Lamont, whose daughter is the victim of a mysterious grief. Madame Lamont's son, a handsome young man, drops from the clouds to fall in love with Margaret, and to tell a per-plexed story of his wrongs and sorrows from a false friend, and to make it apparent to the reader that he has killed Margaret's father in a duel, and that Miss Lamont's sorrow is connected with this faithless friend; but it is all a stupid and confused jumble, which wearies the reader. As to Margaret's guardian and benefactor, he complicates the story, but does not render it more amusing. He is a married man, with a half-mad wife, whom he has married for money, and who plagues out his life with jealousy. She discovers the existence of Margaret, and her husband's relations with her, and not unnaturally puts the worst construction on his conduct. She puts the worst construction on his conduct. She plots a revenge. Her scheme involves her husband in the commission of bigamy,—he having accepted her assurance that she was on the point of suicide,—by marrying Margaret within a couple of months of his release. Of course she was not dead and had no intention of dying; and her husband made no effort to verify the fact. She disguises herself as an old man, and pretends to be a retired doctor, takes a house close to them, and thus can watch the movements of Margaret and her husband. All this portion of the story is disagreeband. All this portion of the story is disagree-able. How she summons Mrs. Forster, Margaret's foster-mother, and how together they work on Margaret to believe that her husband has been cognizant of the murder of her mother and of the mystery of the lonely pool; how her husband hardly excul-pates himself, and how Margaret leaves him and goes to France and there stumbles on a saver de charité who proves to be her own aunt, her mother's sister, and how she hears from her a confused history, and receives letters which ought to have been tory, and receives letters which ought to have been delivered to her years before—the reader will, if he has patience, read for himself and abuse the author afterwards. Good writing, clever observation, and perverse ingenuity have been bestowed on this unpleasant nightmare of a story; we can only regret that the author should have spent his talents upon a uncertaint a which the subject of the story. so ungrateful a subject.

Reaping the Whirlwind: a Novel. 3 vols. By Mrs. Mackenzie Daniel. (Newby.)

This novel is quite equal to the reputation which Mrs. Mackenzie Daniel has acquired; it is well written, full of good principle, and an interesting story; though the character of Meta would have been made more natural if the details of her wiles been made more natural if the details of her wiles and wickedness had been worked out at greater length. The married experience of Ethel Wyke is the most life-like and true portion of the book; her morbid jealousy is extremely clear and well man-aged, for the self-created misery is not unmercifully prolonged. The love of Guy for Meta is intended to be a passionate affair, and to furnish the reason for the ominous title of 'Reaping the Whirl-wind.' Whether Mrs. Mackenzie Daniel was afraid of dealing with the sensational element, or whether or dealing with the sensational element, or whether she thought it bad for her readers, we do not know, but the portion that concerns Meta's previous life, and all that appertains to her subsequent marriage, is very tame—the promise of her first appearance is not kept up. Nevertheless, 'Reaping the Whirl-wind' is a novel worth reading.

Lord Lynn's Wife. 2 vols. (Bentley.)

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If in after-times the manners and customs of English life in 1864 were to be judged from the novels of the day, it would naturally be believed that people, in the best regulated families, were in the habit of marrying two wives, or two husbands, as the case might be; and of suppressing the one that proved inconvenient, either by "painless extinction" or by more forcible methods, "regardless of the cost" of suffering to the victim. Heroes land heroings of the present generation of novels. less of the cost" of suffering to the victim. Heroes and heroines of the present generation of novels rarely dispense with the marriage ceremony altogether,—it would be a want of propriety which would shock both author and reader; but illegal marriages and supernumerary ceremonies are the order of the day. Novels have always some basis of probability; they seldom paint an entirely false

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picture of manners: and as bigamy and the conditions to which bigamy is allied form the basis of every second novel that has been published for some time past, we must conclude that there is a great deal of latent sympathy with this state of things, which an author can appeal to with the certainty of exciting the reader's lively interest. Tales of the progress of true love have become tame and stupid; readers feel it rather impertinent to have the personal affairs of young ladies and immature young gentlemen intruded on their atten-The personages in novels must be wrestling with the difficulties of some bygone action, which brings them within arm's length of the law of the land before their career can be worth writing about or reading. This tendency to bigamy in works of fiction points to a joint in our social armour. Our marriage laws are confessedly imperfect, and open to hair-breadth escapes, which offer a fascinating complication, not devoid of probability.

'Lord Lynn's Wife' is a vigorous and interest-ing story, not original in its materials, for they have all been used over and over again, from the beautiful, proud, statuesque heroine, with her soft musical voice, her wonderful beauty, her arms "firm and white as Carrara marble," adorning the diamonds which flashed upon them, down to the very vulgar ruffians who assist this handsome and unscrupulous lady to carry out her plans; but the story is well put together,—it is cleverly told, and

the interest is well sustained.

Lord Lynn, the object of attraction to the stately Aurelia Darcy, is a handsome young man "of sol-dierly bearing," with "auburn curls, tawny mous-tache, and sunburnt handsome face." He neither says nor does anything particular, but Miss Darcy is pleased to fall in love with him; and after a very slight uncertainty, he falls a willing victim to her charms, to the total discomfiture of his cousin Lucy, an innocent, commonplace girl, who has modest hopes that he was caring a little for her, and about to care a great deal more; but the reader sees that she had not a chance before the strong determination of her magnificent rival. There are, however, unknown difficulties. Aurelia Darcy receives a letter, with an Irish post-mark, written in a blurred and blotted hand, and badly sealed, containing intel-ligence which greatly dismays her. "But 'escaped' was all she said, - 'escaped'; and as she said it she pressed her hand to her forehead and was silent for a long time, thinking earnestly, with her eyes bent upon the ground; at last she raised her proud head and walked to the window, with a strange smile on her lips. 'What was that message of the French king to false John, Cœur de Lion's brother?' she murmured in a whisper, like the hiss of an angry serpent. 'Take heed to yourself, for the devil is unchained.' Was not that how the words ran? Strange how sin and sorrow repeat themselves." However, Aurelia has not much However, Aurelia has not much remorse about the sin, although the sorrow is very inconvenient, and she proceeds to deal with it with a strong hand. What the secret is that lies so heavy upon the fair bosom of Miss Darcy we shall not reveal, the intelligent reader will easily surmise it: but the mode of dealing with it is clever,—the interest of the reader is kept alive throughout. The sketch of Miss Crawse, Aurelia's old friend and confidante, is the cleverest in the book, and the nearest approach to human nature. The trait of shabby selfishness in Aurelia's dealings with her is well imagined. The villains whom Aurelia calls into council are commonplace stage ruffians; but the slight sketch of the ill-fated victim of her re morseless plot is original and well conceived; the final interview between him and Aurelia will cause the reader a thrill of genuine terror, such as, if he has weak nerves, he had better not encounter at night previous to retiring to rest. 'Lord Lynn's Wife is written in an exaggerated, melo-dramatic style, but it will serve the purpose of amusing a passing hour, for it is a striking story, and gives no trouble to read and follow.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Suggestions for a Public Code of Common Law and Equity. By Robert M. Heron, Esq., Barrister. (Hatchard & Co.)—The author likens the law of England to a venerable and interesting ruin,

which has employed the hands of innumerable architects to prevent its falling to pieces by its own weight. We should rather compare it to a suburban church, which has been enlarged from time to time to meet the wants of an increasing population, in which the simplicity of the original structure is hardly to be traced amidst the mass of additions executed in the debased classic or the churchwarden Gothic styles of architecture. Treating the law as a ruin, the author, of course, thinks that nothing less than an entirely new structure, in the form of a Code, will meet the necessities of the case. We do not find any new suggestions of importance in the author's scheme. Of course, there is to be a commission; all technical language is to be discarded, and every man of ordinary intelligence will be able to ascertain the law for himself by reading the Code, which is to be comprised in ten octavo volumes. The importance of employing simple, accurate, and plain language in the Code is much insisted upon. We may gain some notion of the sort of language which the author would consider to fulfil these conditions from the following short passage in this pamphlet:—"The law is changing, but not progressive, and, moreover, it has ceased to be a conscientious study.' Its complete acquisition is almost an impossibility; and even if it were so, it is far from desirable in point of public city to grasp all its ramifications and details, or that proposed Code were expressed in language as accurate and plain as this it would undoubtedly prove

an enormous boon—to the lawyers.

The Sunday Book of Poetry. Selected and arranged by C. F. Alexander. (Macmillan & Co.) This little volume, which is bound so as to range with the "Golden Treasury" series, by the same publishers, contains a well-selected collection of sacred poems, such as Mr. Alexander considers suited to the tastes of youth of both sexes who are between eight and fourteen years of age. We agree with the compiler in thinking that such folks, if intelligent, take no delight in namby-pamby verses, and that they welcome poems of the highest class, provided these are not meta-physical or over subtle. This book will be welcome to children of larger growth. Who is too old to enjoy Wither's paraphrase of Psalm cxlviii., Marvel's 'Where the remote Bermudas ride,' Wordsworth's 'Force of Prayer,' Ben Jonson's 'Hymn on the Nativity,' and such-like world-famous verses? The rule of selection for this book would have been wiser than it is if fewer productions of bards and bardlets of the present and last centuries had been received, and their places supplied by older strains. Many of the authors' names here are as effectually "Anon." to us, as if the verses to which they are appended were really by that "pestilent fellow" himself.

Our Dumb Companions. By Thomas Jackson. Partridge.)—Here are a great number of anecdotes concerning wonderful dogs, horses, donkeys and eats; these have been gathered, says the author, with an intention of enforcing the practice of justice and tenderness to animals, and to declare the blessings which accompany the right treatment of them." No purpose could be more commendable. The author, however, misconceives the manner of setting about his task. Addressed to youth, such fine language as the following sentences display will, in all probability, be appreciated only by those children who have passed through stringent examinations at the hands of whole boards of sarants. These are "Papa's" words to "Freddy," a small boy :- "The eloquent language of Scripture everywhere melts with tenderness and compassion towards the dumb and brute creation The mind that does not recognize this truth will miss the meaning and force of the most suggestive parables and delicate analogies of Revelation." The father who treats his children to this sort of instruction, and who commences a series of anecdotes of dogs by the information that "the dog is a four-footed animal, distinguished as being very faithfully attached to man," deserves the affection of a child who says, as the above-named "Freddy" is represented as saying, "Howwonderful, Papa!" To what a happy family this papa and

son belonged may be judged by the fact that the latter accepts the statement of his parent that "Linnæus, a celebrated naturalist, describes the domestic dog as the one with the tail curled towards the left." What a wonderful boy! Mr. H. Weir contributes some sketches to this book; these are acceptable in their way, which is a commonplace one. The stories themselves are far more valuable than their setting.

Band of Christian Graces. J. P. Thompson. (Religious Tract Society.)-This is an earnest exposition of the nature and vital importance of the Christian virtues, treated with especial reference to the value of faith as necessary to their development and power. The subject is handled in a manner which is unusually clear, but rather laborious. The book is valuable

Hacco the Dwarf; or, the Tower on the Mountains: and other Tales. By Henrietta Lushington. With Illustrations by G. J. Pinwell. (Griffith & Farran.) -Enthusiasm is not in our usual fashion; but the excellence of these four stories for children who are just beginning to read, is so greatly above the merit of most clever tales for the play-room, that we are tempted to reward the author with admira-tion. We have read 'Hacco the Dwarf,' 'The Fortunes of Mike Lacy,' 'Little Maud,' and 'Dayleford Windmill,' from beginning to end; and every page of them has given us so much pleasure that we shall be glad to hear of their success in the book-market. Our favourite of the four is 'The Fortunes of Mike Lacy.' It is a

perfect story. In its way, nothing can be better.

A New Edition of Mr. Anthony Trollope's
Small House at Allington (Smith, Elder & Co.) has appeared in a handy form,—also a Third Edition of Mr. Lever's A Day's Ride: a Life's Romanee (Chapman & Hall). Our list of Reprints includes Cardinal Wiseman's Sermons on Moral Subjects (Duffy), - Prof. Veitch's Introductory Lecture on Speculative Philosophy, delivered at the opening of the Class of Logic and Rhetoric (Blackwood & Sons). The following Year-Books and Almanacs may be handed over to the readers whom they severally address:-The British Almanac and Companion (Knight & Co.), —Dietrichsen & Hannay's Royal Almanack (Cleaver), —The Weather Almanac and Meteorological and Rural Handbook, by Orlando Whistlecraft (Simpkin), -Napoleon Price & Co.'s Perfumed Royal Almanack, and Watson's Family Expenditure Book and House-keeper's Diary (Glasgow, Watson).—In Miscella-neous Publications we have Gospel Paganism; or, Reason's Revolt against the Revealed; with a Reprint of a Letter to the Social Science Association, Revealed; with a 1862 (Austin & Co.),-Helps to Prayer and Devotion, intended chiefly for the Use of Young Persons who have been recently Confirmed (Parker), -Mrs. Lirriper's Legacy, the extra Christmas Number of All the Year Round, conducted by Charles Dickens,
—Tenants at Will, an extra Double Christmas
Number of Chambers's Journal,—A Biographical
Sketch of Sir William Harpur, Knight, Founder of the Bedford Schools (Bedford, Carter), -Scarlet the Bedjord Schools (Bedford, Carter),—Scarlet Fever Tables, by R. Lee,—A Discourse on Modern Spiritualism and Seducing Spirits, by T. P. Barkas (Pitman),—A Lecture on the Brothers Davenport: their History, Travels, and Manifestations, by T. P. Barkas (Pitman),—The Scribe Instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven; an Ordination Sermon preached in the Cathedral of Cork, by the Rev. John Quarry (Dublin, Hodges, Smith & Co.),—Vol. I. of Sermons by Henry Ward Bescher Vol. I. of Sermons, by Henry Ward Beecher (Heaton & Son),—Twelfth Annual Report to the Council of the City of Manchester on the Working of the Public Free Libraries (Manchester, Cave & Free Libraries) Sever), - A Treatise on Smoky Chimneys, their Sever,—A Precesse on Smany Commercy, Cure and Prevention, by Frederick Edwards, jun. (Hardwicke),—and from Mr. Partridge, Children's Friend for 1864,—Band of Hope Review, 1864,—The British Workman, 1864,—and The British Workman and Band of Hope Almanacs for 1865.

BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A careless reader may suppose that when "children's books" have been described as "books for children" there is neither need nor room for further classification; but the critic and the bookseller know otherwise. There was a time when stories '64

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for little people, like peas in a bushel, so closely for little people, like peas in a busine, so closely resembled each other in substance and appear-ance that the buyer could scarcely do better than make his purchase with closed eyes. But of late years the diversities of juvenile taste, temper and faculty have been so carefully considered by a disfaculty nave been so carefully considered by a dis-tinct class of writers, that papas and mammas find it difficult to select the book best suited to each of it difficult to select the book best suited to each of their youngsters from the piles of dissimilar publi-cations offered for sale at the opening of the chil-dren's season. Not only may literature for the young be divided and subdivided, but each sub-division admits of so much minute and delicate separation into species and sub-species, that those who are most familiar with the particular product cannot point to the line where distinctions cease. There are authors who especially address themselves to boys, others who appeal to the fancy and ten-derness of girls, and a third class who produce those middle-sex books which draw riotous urchins and timorous damsels into the same groups before timorous damsels into the same groups before Christmas fires. The claims of sex having received due attention, age comes in for consideration. Boys' books are divisible into works for "boys," i.e. "big boys,"—little boys,—and very little boys; lads vigorous with twelve years of life, less venerable lads proudly wearing their first jackets, and diminutive rascals in tunics and knickerbockers. Thesame care is shown by tale-writers for the various was of circle. Thesame care is shown by tale-writers for the various ages of girls. There are stories in one-syllable or two-syllable words for lisping nurselings whose stiff and obtrusively expanded skirts resemble open parasols or full-grown mushrooms; stories of high parasols or full-grown mushrooms; stories of high moral purpose and much merriment for more advanced girls, who already apprehend that their mission is to place before the eyes of riotous brothers wholesome examples of rubmissiveness and patience; and tearful novelettes for gracious maidens, who are looking beyond the next three years to the time when they will be "introduced," wear low dresses every evening, and "never any more dine with the children in the nursery." The task of classification is barely begun; for when the books of the season have been placed in different lots, in accordance with the sex and different ages to which they appeal, reference must be made to the score of different objects which the writers have kept in view. Some of the volumes are educational, others aim only at amusement; there are religious and secular, historical and imaginative works. For lads who are bent upon a sea-life, there are stories of maritime adventure and memoirs of naval heroes ; annals of the army and sketches of military exploits annals of the army and sketches of military exploits are produced for the delight of boys who have made up their minds to be soldiers; youngsters yearning to be engineers, doctors, merchants or philanthropists can point to writers auxious to gratify their particular tastes. High-church children, and low-church children, dissenters in petticoats and latitudinarians in braided jackets are not without accordant teachers.

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In the batch of books lying before us, there is not a specimen of every sort of children's literature; but several different tastes are humoured, and several diverse wants are supplied. Sea-loving boys will heartily enjoy The Life-Boat: a Tale of our Coast Heroes (Nisbet), wherein Mr. R. M. Ballantyne describes the brave deeds of the rude fishermen who peril their lives to rescue their fellow-creatures from wrecked vessels. Mr. Ballantyne's name on the title-page of a schoolboy's book has for some the title-page of a schoolboy's book has for some years been a guarantee to buyers that the volume is cheap at its price; but he has not written a better story than the present. A spirited artist has aided him effectually; and the historic chapter on life-boats is a good feature of the work.—Freaks on the Fells, or, Three Month's Rustication; and How I did not become a Sailor (Routledge & Co.) is another volume by the same author. Of 'Freaks on the Fells' we have already snoken favourably on the Fells' we have already spoken favourably in our notice of the miscellany in which it originally appeared; the second story of the volume is a jocular "warning to all boys who venture to entertain the notion of running away from home and going to sea."—Defoe's grand old romance is usually reproduced at Christmas. Either there is a new edition of 'Robinson Crusoe' or a story based on the strange experiences of that remarkable adventurer. This season, Mr. J. Ross Browne,

author of 'Etchings of a Whaling Cruise,' revives our interest in the standard tale by his Crusoe's Selkirk; with Sketches of Adventure in California and Washoe (Low & Co.). Mr. Ross Brown's narrative of a trip to the island of Juan Fernandez professes to be a veracious account of his own professes to be a veracious account of his own personal exploits; and the story seems to be what it is proclaimed. It is liberally embellished with engravings, some of which have considerable merit.—Miss Anne Bowman's The Young Yachtsmen; or, the Wreck of the Gipsy (Routledge & Co.), is an amphibious story, spending half its life on the waters and the other half on land. A family of the waters and the other half on land. A family of English children make a yachting excursion to the Baltic, and become mighty hunters in Norway. Their achievements in high latitudes are recounted with spirit and force. The story is greatly in advance of Miss Bowman's earlier tales.—Mr. Cuthbert Bede, who must not be offended with us for placing his book amongst the toys of literature, tells many a strange story of Highland superstition in The White Wife: with other Stories, Supernatural, Romantic, and Legendary. (Low & Co.)—His wondrous tales will amuse the papas who read them to their children during the evenings of the next few weeks. Mr. Bede has made an important discovery in proving that a brownie existed so late discovery in proving that a brownie existed so late as last year. Sir Walter Scott in 'Demonology and Witchcraft' spoke of "the brownies" as an extinct species of spiritual agent. All honour to the author of 'Verdant Green' for setting Sir Walter author of the species of spiritual agent. the author of 'Verdant Green' for setting Sir Walter right; and thanks to him also for the illustrations of his volume.—The White Bruns-wickers; or, Reminiscences of Schoolboy Life, by the Rev. H. C. Adams, M.A. (Routledge & Co.), is a manly, wholesome and ably -written story of school-life. Mr. Adams knows boy-nature thoroughly, and he writes with a good purpose. "The vice of bullying among schoolboys," he says in his dedicatory letter to Dr. Holden, the head master of the Cathedral School, Durham, "which forms the theme of this tale. is one which has forms the theme of this tale, is one which has cost you many an anxious thought; to suppress which you have long laboured with that earnest persistency of purpose which your friends know so

well."

Amongst books for girls a high place must be assigned to Littlethorpe Hall. By Henrietta Lushington. (Smith, Elder & Co.)—The author of 'Hacco the Dwarf,' and other stories which have been recommended by the Athenaeum, Miss Lushington, here describes the life of two children, who, whilst their father is serving as a naval officer on board one of Her Majesty's vessels, spend some happy months under the protection of Lieutenant Holman and Miss Priscilla Holman, of Littlethore Hell. The project of rural contentment. Littlethorpe Hall. The music of rural contentment runs through the book; and the ending of the story will make little readers supremely happy.— Effice's Friends; or, Chronicles of the Woods and Shore (Nisbet & Co.) is a more grave and yet more fanciful book. Effie is a pensive child, who holds familiar intercourse with nature, and passes silent hours in speechless meditation. This strange girl listens to the voices of the birds, whether they sing richly, or cackle feebly, or scream with shrill vehemence. The birds love her, and tell her many sweet tales, The birds love her, and tell her many sweet tales, of which certain specimens are here submitted to the reader on toned paper, in excellent type, and with sundry artistic embellishments. The four stories put forth in Rich and Poor: Stories illustrative of Relative Duties, by C. E. B. (Seeley, Jackson & Halliday) have a religious tone and aim, that will render them acceptable to parents of a certain sort, rather than to children of any sort.

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Among the Mountains; or, The Harcourts of Montreux, by A. G. (Seeley, Jackson & Halliday).

Whilst their papa, Major Harcourt, is fighting gallantly in the Crimea, the Harcourt children and their mamma take up their quarters on the Lake of Genera. The bear are tasked. dren and their mamma take up their quarters on the Lake of Geneva. The boys go to school at Vevey, the girls pursue their studies at home; but during the holidays they make excursions upon the mountains, and meet with stirring adven-tures. Very smartly do the little Harcourts criticize Swiss character, liberty, vineyards, and institutions. Much praise is due to the closing of

the tale, in which sorrow and joy are made to struggle for the mastery, to the eventual triumph of the latter. A less commendable work is *The* Young Cottager, and other Stories in Rhyme, by E.P. S. (Seeley, Jackson & Halliday.) The second title is an error; for E. P. S. gives sermons instead of stories,—very bad sermons in very bad rhyme. Here is a specimen of the sacred music :-

The old church clock had just struck six, And fresh and lovely all things vere, That bright spring morning in the wood, And round the farm and everywhere.

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A far better collection of play-room rhymes is cousin Helen's Children's Party; or, A Day at Upland (Partridge). The author's verse is bounding, vigorous, and fluent, beyond the wont of play-room poetry, and her tales will delight the little folk for whom they are written. Cousin Helen, moreover, is assisted by a clever artist. We conclude with mention of two books for children who are inst beginning to read. and a brochure published with mention of two books for children who are just beginning to read, and a brochure published in behalf of parents who do not know the best methods of dancing their children on their knees. Mr. Thomas Miller's Goody Platts and Her Two Cats. A Tale in Words of one and Two Syllables (Low & Co.) is a harmless tale, and may be used (Low & Co.) is a harmless tale, and may be used with advantage by nursery governesses.—A book of higher aim and merit is Golden Light: being Scripture Histories for the Young. From the Old and New Testaments. With eighty pictures drawn by A. W. Bayes. Engraved by the Brothers Dalziel (Routledge & Co.) The book may be described as the Bible adapted to the minds of very young children. "The stories," says the editor, "have been so arranged as to form a complete, though elementary, history of the Bible—commencing with the tary, history of the Bible—commencing with the 'Creation of the World,' and ending with the 'Acts of the Apostles.' Where the very words of the of the Apostles. Where the very words of the Bible could tell the story simply enough to be understood by a child, they have been used—on the principle that, as the study of the Scriptures can never be continued too long, so the sound of the 'Bible Words' can never become familiar too early."-Much cannot be said in favour of Original Nursery Rhymes, for Girls and Boys, by Alexander J. Ellis. With Illustrations by Edwin J. Ellis (Pit-J. Ellis. With Illustrations by Edwin J. Ellis (Pitman.) The author in his preface says, "The following Nursery Rhymes, which were mostly composed for my own children, appear, after the lapse of many years, for the first time in ordinary spelling. Two editions in Phonetic Type were published in 1848 and 1849, and met with great success in the limited circle to which they were addressed." Here is a sample of the budget:

BABY'S MOTTO. True Love and Kindness will prevail, Where Anger, Spite, and Cunning fail.

In phonetic dress this couplet may perhaps have a point and force not apparent in its present homely guise. Mr. Edwin Ellis's illustrations seem to be the promising efforts of a youthful artist.

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DAVID ROBERTS, R.A.

David Roberts, who was born at Stockbridge, Edinburgh, on the 24th of October, 1796, died at his house, 7, Fitzroy Street, London, on the 25th ult., of apoplexy. He was buried yesterday (Friday), at Norwood Cemetery, in a private manner, as was his own wish.

Roberts was one of the many Scottish artists who have made themselves names and fortunes by the exercise of their own energy and ability he seems, even when a child, to have been in the habit of drawing, and, while at school, was often reprimanded for sketching on the walls of the room and on those of his home. As Mulready, who was born eight years before Roberts, drew figures of men and animals over the paternal fire-place at Ennis, so his brother Academician produced sketches of houses and landscapes. About the year 1810, Roberts was apprenticed to a decorator named Beugo, then of some standing in Edinburgh, and had for his fellow Mr. Hay, who has since pro-duced some works which explain his ideas on the theory of Art in several of its applications. Some time during this apprenticeship, probably near the end of it, he painted a view of Abbotsford, which Scott admired exceedingly: influenced probably by the novelist's advice, Roberts procured an engagement to paint seenes for the theatre in the Scottish metropolis, and, it is said, for that at Glasgow also. It has been stated that Roberts received his artistic education in the Trustees' Academy, Edinburgh. He repeatedly asserted that all he did in that school was to begin to draw a hand, which was considered so unpromising a production that he got no encouragement to proceed with studies of that sort. He averred that he received no instruc-

tion in art from any teacher or professor.

The principal of the Edinburgh theatre gave Roberts an introduction to Elliston, the manager of Drury Lane Theatre, and thus he got employment at the establishment for which, as a sceni artist of extraordinary power, he did so much.
Mr. Stanfield was painting scenes at the same
time. This was in 1822, and when Roberts was in his twenty-sixth year. In the course of his work at the theatres he had acquired so extraordinary a power of painting and of covering large spaces of canvas in a short time, that he could be relied on to produce wonders even at the latest moment. It is related that on one occasion a person in charge of the scenic department, conceiving that Roberts was supplanting him in public or managerial favour, contrived to occupy the working-place of the theatre until past midnight before the day on which a Christmas piece, which included a work of Roberts's, would be called for. A few hours only remained in which it was pos-sible to paint, when the loitering rival left the place, and, as he thought, left Roberts without a chance of being punctual. But Roberts watched the painter out of the house, had a canvas spread, and wrought upon it with such success and extraordinary speed, that, some time before the scene was called for, it was ready. It went on to the stage at the right time, was the wonder of the day, and raised the painters reputation higher than ever. It is related of him, than whom none could be a warmer or more indefatigable friend, that he executed with nearly equal speed, and as great success, the scenery for Mr. Charles Mathews's entertainment styled 'At Home,' and that he invented for this occasion an effective arrangement of the picture and performer which astonished the town.

Roberts was one of the most methodical of men: from the practice of his art to the arrangement of his studio, everything was in order. No more remarkable display of this characteristic could be found than that which enables us to take up his history as an artist per se, as distinct from his practice as decorator and scene-painter, from what was probably his moment of starting with a completed picture, unto within a few weeks ago. He has left behind him, besides an immense mass of notes and memoranda, two quarto volumes, which contain on every one of the leaves of the first, and on the greater number of those in the second, two pen-and-ink sketches of his own pic-

tures. These are drawn with characteristic dexterity and clearness, and enable any one not only to recognize the manner of the artist, but to identify each work represented. These drawings are neatly inclosed within ruled marginal lines, and give the proportions, general arrangement, composition, and leading incidents of each work, and, in most cases, the chiaroscuro and tone they exhibited. Upright or landscape-way, tall, square, short, interior, exterior, civil, ecclesiastical, or military, as the examples may be, there they are, one after another, from No. 1. to No. 252, commencing, with a time-yellowed sketch, which is dated 1821, and represents 'New Abbey, Dumfriesshire, and terminating, with the latter number. on the 24th of July of the present year, 1864. Here and there, -these interruptions are very rare. -a space ruled out for a sketch has not been filled but, filled up or not, those little spaces have, by their sides, and beneath them, notes which state: 1, the title of each picture, in numerical order; 2, the date of its execution; 3, the name of the purchaser; 4, the price obtained for it; 5, its place of deposit. In cases where the artist had learnt that his works were re-sold, even if more than once, as frequently happened, the facts are recorded as minutely as in the first instance, with price, date, purchaser's name, place of sale and deposit. Here, then, is a complete history of the man's artistic life. To judge by the absence of a price to the picture above named as his earliest work, it does not seem to have been sold; the entry with regard to the second is complete,-it is stated to have been sold for 2l. 10s. The picture above named as Roberts's last recorded work, is No. 252, 'The Basilica of St. Peter's,' a sketch from, or for, the large picture styled, 'A Fête Day for, the large picture styled, or for, the large picture styled, 'A Fete Day at St. Peter's,' which was painted for Mr. Napier and exhibited a few years since at the Royal Academy; this will be memorable with most of our readers by its effectiveness, size, and by its containing ranks of the Pope's Guards, who wear the black and yellow livery said to have been designed by Michael Angelo. No. 252 differs from the last-named work in many respects. The picture of 'New Abbey, Dumfriesshire,' although so early a production, exhibits, in a very striking manner, in the sketch, that feeling for composition in architectural themes which was so strongly marked in all the painter's works. Roberts first appeared as an exhibitor, at the British Institution in 1894

From this curious record, we learn that Roberts's first excursion from this island was to Rouen. where, in 1825, he painted 'Notre Dame.' work was exhibited at the Royal Academy in the next year, and was followed, in 1827, by 'The West Entrance to the Church of St. Germain, Amiens, (No. 140). The artist was then living at 18, Mount Street, Lambeth. He does not again appear at the Royal Academy until 1830, when he contributed 'The Shrine' (No. 275), and resided at No. 8, Abingdon Street, Westminster, a house since removed to make way for the great tower. His time from 1827 until about ten years later was largely occupied by his travels in France, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Italy and Holland, where he supplied himself with materials for so many pictures. Before the earlier of these dates the painter joined the Society of British Artists, and, ultimately, became a Vice President of that body. These distinctions he resigned in 1836-7, and offered himself as a candidate for an Associateship of the Royal Academy. In 1835 he exhibited at Somerset House The Cathedral of Burgos' (359). In the next year appeared 'In the Cathedral at Bayonne' (150), and The Chapel of Ferdinand and Isabella, at Granada He lived at this date at 24, Mornington Place, Hampstead Road. In 1837 came 'The Tower of the Giralda, Seville' (55); in 1838, 'Granada' (296). In this year Roberts was elected an A.R.A.; and in the month of August, of the same year, started for a tour in Egypt, Nubia and Syria. The whole time occupied in this manner, including going and returning, was ten months; during this brief period he made many hundreds of sketches, mostly in pencil, at times slightly washed with water-colour. These were the staple of the labours of his after-life. Many of them were elaborated to a certain extent, reproduced on stone by Mr. L. Haghe, and published, in 1842, as 'Sketches in the Holy Land, Egypt, &c.' This issue was in four folio volumes; a smaller set has appeared at a more recent date. The volumes contain nearly two hundred and fifty subjects, and attained a singular degree of popularity at the time of their publication. The artist received what was then considered the enormous sum of 3,000%. for the copyright in these works. By way of still further displaying the extraordinary facility of the painter, let us say that there is now in the Crystal Palace Picture Gallery a series of Roberts's works, the property of his son-in-law, Mr. Bicknell: two of them, representing 'Baalbee' and 'Phille,' were wrought in two hours each.

In 1840 Roberts exhibited at the Royal Academy five pictures: 'The Greek Church of Academy five pictures: The three Children of the Nativity at Bethlehem' (190),—'Gate and Mosque at Cairo' (220),—'The Dromos, or Outer Children of the Creek Tomple at Edfou' (292). Court of the Great Temple at Edfou (292),-Statues of the Vocal Memnon on the Plain of Thebes' (501), and 'Remains of the Portico of the Lesser Temple at Baalbec' (944). In this year his residence appears as 7, Fitzroy Street; the house wherein he died. From this date the Academy list scarcely ever appeared without the name of David Roberts. In 1849 came 'The Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans' (290). This work was exhibited throughout the country, chromolithographed, and published, yielding a profit to the speculators of about 3,000%. It was damaged on its travels, and sold at a comparatively small price. In the execution of this work a characteristic and creditable piece of conscientiousness on the part of the artist appeared. originally painted the sun setting behind the removed portion of the city, and trusted much for the effect of his work to its glowing and ominous-looking colour. On reflection, however, Roberts found that according to the description of the siege and the known plan of the city, the sun would not be visible at that point at the time in question; he painted out the sunset, and got his colour by repre-senting the more probable effect of a conflagration in a distant part of the city.

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The pictures of metropolitan scenes which are among the latest exhibited works of this artist were parts of a series which he had commenced for Mr. Lucas, and were intended to display London as it is. We need not repeat our opinion given at the time of the exhibition of these works. Roberts's method of working may be exemplified by the process which seems to have been followed in the preparation of these pictures. Having chosen his locality and the point of view to be dealt with, he made a sketch, sufficiently accurate for his purpose, on the spot; in carrying out this rudimentary idea his peculiar ability in art was dis-played; his knowledge of composition came fully play in the arrangement of the moving objects which appeared in his pictures and in the disposition of the light and shade which pertained to it as a whole. From the sketch, thus obtained and studied, a small oil picture was wrought, to give a general idea of the effect and disposition of colour and tone to be afterwards adopted. In one or two works of the series in question Roberts seems to have dispensed with the oil-sketch and proceeded at once to work on the canvas which vas to be the field of his picture when completed. Ten of the oil-sketches for this series have been made, and the general disposition of so many works may be considered as settled. On the very morning of his death the artist had been painting on one of the London scenes. This re St. Paul's and Ludgate Hill, taken before the railway viaduct marred the site, and from a spot which is a few yards to the westward of Bride Court. The dome of the Cathedral and the spires of the churches compose finely. The picture is remarkably broad in disposition of light and shade; the whole street is filled with shadow; the taller edifices are in full light. Much remains to be done to this work. When Roberts left his studio to go for the walk which was to be his last, this picture stood upside down on the easel, as he had placed it, as artists do, in order to study its

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this was a favourite one with Turner in his later this was a tavourite one with turner in his later days; he, we believe, suggested it to Roberts, regretting that he could not do it himself. It remains yet to be carried out. What would we not give for representations of Venice in her glory, or of Elizabethau London, or Paris when Henry the of Elizabethan London, or Paris when Henry the Fourth reigned? The most complete collections of this artist's works are in the hands of Her Majesty, Mr. Bicknell, Lord Northwick, Lord Lansdowne, Sir R. Peel, Mr. Cubitt, Mr. Baring, Mr. Burnand, and Mr. Caird of Greenock. There are two pictures by him in the Vernon Gallery, and three in the Sheepshauks Gift. Of late years Roberts's pictures increased enormously in price. The 'Milan Cathedral' was sold by the artist in 1857 for 850t.; in April, 1860, it was re-sold for 1,070t. In Alben., No. 1855, will be found some interesting particulars on this head. He has left many journals and diaries of his life and travels, said to be rich in personal anecdotes of the many distinguished persons whom he met during his long career. These are all systematically labelled, packed in paper, and closed. It is to be hoped they may, in some form or other, see the light.

THE PETTENKOFER PROCESS.

Dr. Pettenkofer's method of restoring pictures will no longer remain a mystery to those who really care about it, inasmuch as the process has been registered and published at the Great Seal Patent Office, in Southampton Buildings, Hol-

The following memoranda, taken from the Specification, will give the reader a general notion of the distinctive points of this very useful discovery. It is dated October 20th, 1863, and discovery. It is used become year the process of restoring the surface does not endanger the original state of the oil picture. It proceeds to explain that the unoil picture. It proceeds to explain that the un-welcome change which comes over varnished oil paintings after the lapse of years, is, in most cases, owing to physical and not chemical influences. Time causes the discontinuance of molecular cohesion in particular materials. The change here begins on the surface of the varnish with microscopical fissures, and this system of disintegration continues to penetrate even "through the different coats of colour to the very foundation." Both the coats of colour to the very foundation." Both the surface and the body of such a picture become intimately mixed with air, and reflect light like powdered glass, thus losing transparency like oil mingled with water or air. The latter portion of this statement, we may observe parenthetically, where the fissures are said to reach even the very foundation of the picture, would seem to refer to those ill-fated paintings where megilp was so reclusely employed. profusely employed.

The best method of re-joining the separated particles has been found to be by means of a vapour produced from spirits of wine. Dr. Pettenkefer places the picture, or pictures, in a closed case or bath, the air in which is impregnated with the fumes of alcohol at the ordinary temperature and without any application of heat. The resinous particles of the picture thereupon absorb the alcohol until they are saturated, and no longer. By this process the different separated molecules re-acquire cohesion with each other, and the optical effect of the original is restored without the picture being touched, and the change is produced solely If action.

It is also stated that the very small quantity of alcohol that has been absorbed speedily evaporates when returned to the ordinary atmosphere, and the surface remains as clear as if newly varnished. Thus, the main principle of the patent now taken out is the self-acting nature of the process, being effected by means of vapour alone.

The satisfactory working of this operation may

now be openly seen and watched upon several wellknown pictures in the National Gallery. The pro-cess seems to have been fairly tried, without any fear of detriment to the pictures, and the result is such as to thoroughly warrant the importance of the invention. The pictures which have thus been freshened in the National Gallery, so as to recover their almost pristine brilliancy, are, Rembrandt, 'Jew Merchant,'—Rembrandt, 'Woman

taken in Adultery, —Both and Poelemberg, 'Judgment of Paris,'—Both, Landscape, 'Morning,'—Teniers, 'Money Changers,'—Bourdon, 'Return of the Ark,'—Gaspar Poussin, 'Abraham and Isaac,'—Salvator Rosa, 'Mercury and Woodman,—Zurbaran, 'Franciscan Monk,'—Portrait (No. 173), —Giorgione, 'Peter Martyr,'—Poussin, 'Bacchanalian Dance' (62),—Tintoretto, 'St. George,'—Bronzino, 'Full-length Figure of a Knight of St. Stephen,'—Titian, 'Ganymede,'—Titian, 'Venus and Adonis,'—'Guido, 'St. Jerome' (11),—Spagnoletto, 'Pietà' (235),—Titian, 'Bacchus and Ariadne,'—and 'Sebastian del Piombo and Ippolito Ariadne, '—and 'Sebastian del Piombo and Ippolito de' Medici ' (20).

As we have stated in a previous number (Athen. No. 1934), the process is understood to be only available for a resinous body like mastic varnish, and the fact of solid oil being impervious to these fumes is a satisfactory guarantee for the safety of the genuine old pictures, painted in pure oil. How it will fare with the more modern paintings, where mastic varnish was so intimately mixed up with the oil, even in the original groundwork, is a matter of some anxiety, and is likely to be the subject of a still more delicate experiment.

THE TWO TREATIES.

Phillimore Gardens, Nov. 28, 1864. In Mr. Cobden's late speech at Rochdale, allusion was made to two important treaties,-that of Paris in 1803, and that which was concluded in

of Paris in 1803, and that which was concluded in London finally in 1852.

By the former of these treaties, Napoleon Buonaparte, who had possessed himself of France, and who was then, as First Consul, the irresponsible governor of that republic, sold the province of Louisiana to the government of the United States, at the price of 15 millions of dollars, then wanted for the invasion of England. The province thus ceded, and now forming several large states, was a vast territory, colonized and cultivated exclusively by Frenchmen. By this treaty the inhabitants by Frenchmen. By this treaty the inhabitants were, without the slightest attempt to ascertain their wishes, transferred to a foreign nation, of a different race, speaking a different language, professing a different religion, and governed by dif-ferent laws and by different customs.

The North-Western States obtained the benefit

of a free access to the Gulf of Mexico, which was the great object of the purchase. The contingency of a protracted rebellion against the purchasers, seems never to have been contemplated. As little in 1769 did the ministers of Lewis XV. suspect that when acquiring for their master the possession of Corsica, they were annexing France to Corsica, and not Corsica to France.

In 1850, Frederic VII. King of Denmark, who was likewise Duke of Sleswick and Holstein, had no descendants or any very near relations. The kingdom and the duchies had been united under one sovereign for 400 years. Unfortunately, the laws of descent in Denmark and Holstein were different. The person standing next in succession to the crown of Denmark was a prince of Hesse, a person who had no title to or connexion with Holstein. The person apparently next in succession to Holstein was the Duke of Augustenburg, whose ancestor, however, had in 1721 renounced his then contingent claim for himself and his descendants. contingent claim for minser and and sescendants. The next branch to that of Augustenburg was that of Glücksburg. Neither the Augustenburg nor the Glücksburg line had anything to do with the succession to the crown of Denmark. The problem to be solved was, how far it was possible to uphold the interior of the Daviek procession in the union. the integrity of the Danish monarchy in the union which had existed for so many centuries, and which was considered to possess a European importance, consistently with the conflicting interests of the respective claimants.

At the suggestion of Austria, whose preponderance in Germany would have been materially attected by the formation of a substantially new Principality on the western shores of the Baltic, the course adopted by all the great powers of Europe, and afterwards acquiesced in and ratified by several of the minor powers, was this. Prince Christian of Glücksburg, the youngest of several brothers, had married the sister of the Prince of Hesse. The Prince of Hesse relinquished his affected by the formation of a substantially new

right in favour of his sister and her husband, without stipulating for any compensation or indemnity. On the other side, the elder brothers of Prince Christian, with equal generosity, acquiesced in the selection of that Prince, and the Duke of Augustenburg (who is still alive), notwithstanding the renunciation of his ancestor, received from Denmark, by instalments, several millions of dollars, in consideration of which he pledged his princely honour that neither he nor any of his descendants would attempt to disturb the arrangement by would attempt to disturb the arrangement by which Prince Christian should, on the death of Frederic VII., become the sovereign of the duchies as well as of Denmark. It does not seem to have occurred to any of the sovereigns who were parties to the protocol of 1850 and the treaty of 1852, or their representatives, to poll the inhabitants of Holstein or Sleswick as to the propriety of continuing a union which had existed so long without question and without interruption—a union dating from a period when England and Scotland were hostile nations; when France was a small territory, hemmed in by Brittany, Burgundy, &c.; when Spain was held by one Mussulman and four Christian princes; when neither Hungary nor Bohemia was connected with the house of Haps-Bohemia was connected with the house of Haps-burg; and before a cadet of the house of Hohen-zollern, possessing Prussia in his capacity of Grand Master of the Teutonic Order, had secured that

thure kingdom for his own descendants.

Those who negotiated the protocol and treaty of 1850–1852 can hardly be made responsible for the cession by the Duke of Augustenburg of his rights to his son as soon as the instalments were paid, or for the unpleasant necessity in which Austria and Prussia have been placed, of either withdrawing from their European engagements or preparing themselves to encounter a repetition of

preparing themselves to encounter a repetition of the scenes of 1848.

Mr. Cobden denounces one of these treaties, and expresses the highest satisfaction with the other. If a hundred persons, knowing Mr. Cobden's great ability, who had not read that gentleman's speech, were asked which treaty he denounced and which he praised, ninety-nine would probably make a wrong guess.

J. Manning, Q.A.S.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

General Sabine, in his anniversary Address to the Royal Society on Wednesday last, opened with a few particulars concerning the great Scientific Catalogue, which, by holding out a prospect of the completion of that important undertaking, could not fail to be interesting to the Fellows generally, nor to the public. The list of Transactions and Journals catalogued and to be Transactions and Journals catalogued and to be catalogued has been largely increased by correspondence with Academies, Societies, and learned individuals in all parts of Europe and in America; the numbers of titles of papers already copied exceeds 180,000; and as offers of assistance have been received from abroad, with strong expressions of interest in the progress of the work, and of anticipated advantage from its publication, it may be hoped that on completion of the copying, which is to be breught down to 1863 inclusive, nothing of to be brought down to 1863 inclusive, nothing of

to be brought down to 1863 inclusive, nothing of importance will have been omitted.

A manuscript catalogue in eighty-two volumes, with more to follow, containing the titles of the several works in chronological order, is placed for use in the Royal Society's Library. The next step will be a printed catalogue of the whole number of titles, arranged alphabetically according to authors' names, accompanied by an alphabetical index of subjects; and in this way there will be offered to scientific inquirers in all parts of the world an easy means of reference to all the important scientific subjects nublished during sixty-three ant scientific subjects published during sixty-three years of the present century—a century the most active and fruitful in scientific results since the

world began.

effected, the Council of the Royal Society decided that the manuscript should in the first instance be offered to Her Majesty's Government, to be printed at the public charge, at Her Majesty's Stationery Office, or otherwise, as might be deemed expedient; and that a certain number of copies should be presented to scientific institutions at home and abroad, in the name of the British Government and of the Royal Society; the remainder of the impression being offered for sale at the cost of paper and printing only, and the proceeds applied towards the discharge of the expense incurred in the printing, no pecuniary return being looked for on the part of the Society. In accordance with this decision the subject had been brought under the consideration of Government, and, as it happened, the official answer was received an hour or two before the delivery of the address. As anticipated, it was favourable. The Lords of the Treasury declare themselves ready to print the catalogue at the public cost, under the authority of the Royal Society. Something of a national character will thus be imparted to the great scientific catalogue which, from all we hear concerning it, it well deserves

In his last year's Address, General Sabine made some remarks on the expediency of combining pendulum experiments with the astronomical and geodesical operations about to be undertaken in the survey of a great arc of the meridian in India. Since then correspondence on the subject has taken place with the Secretary of State for India who sanctioned the proposal; and Colonel Walker, superintendent of the Indian trigonometrical survey, has been authorized to carry out the experiments. The Royal Society, being in possession of pendulums and a clock which had previously been employed in similar work, were applied to for a loan of the instruments, which they granted. A vacuum apparatus, in which the pendulums will be swung at all the stations, has been set up in the Observatory at Kew, where Capt. Basevi, R.E. during some weeks made himself practically acquainted with the instruments and commenced a series of base observations. These will be completed early in the coming year, when the pendulums with the clock and vacuum apparatus will be packed and despatched to India. On the close of the operations in that country, the instruments will be returned and set up in the same place at Kew, and undergo verification; so that with proper attention on the part of the observers, which is not to be doubted of, this new survey of an arc in India should excel all others in accuracy. And referring to these preliminaries General Sabine says, "We may not unreasonably anticipate that such experiments may henceforward be regarded as an appropriate accompaniment to the measure of arcs in all parts of the globe." It appears, too, that the science of terrestrial magnetism to which, as is well known, General Sabine has especially devoted himself, is to be promoted by the survey, for directions have been given that instruments shall be provided for determining the absolute values of the three magnetic elements at the Indian stations, There is an apparent systematic anomaly in the direction of the lines of magnetic force in the central parts of India which may possibly admit of explanation by the further investigation now proposed.

In connexion with this subject, General Sabine mentioned several remarkable phenomena brought to light by the latest of his own researches, namely, the difference of direction observed in disturbances of the magnetic declination at stations in England, and others beyond the Ural Mountains. The days and hours at which the phenomena occur are, with slight exception, the same, and the movements are simultaneous, in both localities; but the direction of the magnet indicating the disturbance is directly the reverse in Eastern Siberia of the direction in England. On this, General Sabine remarks, attach, of course, far more importance to the fact itself than to the hypothesis which guided me to its anticipation, and thence to its discovery; still an hypothesis which has led to the knowledge of a fact of so much theoretical importance entitles itself to some consideration; while no one can doubt that a knowledge of the fact itself strengthens he desire for the multiplication of stations in distant parts of the globe, at which these phenomena are systematically observed." An instalment of the desire here intimated may be regarded as satisfied, for magnetic observatories, equipped with instruments similar to those in use at Kew. and supported by colonial funds, are to be established

at Melbourne and Mauritius.

The other topics of the Address are, Sir John Herschel's Catalogue of Nebulæ-a monument of astronomical research and utility—Mr. Huggins's and Dr. Miller's papers, 'On Spectra of some of the Fixed Stars'; and Mr. Huggins's, 'On Spectra of the Nebulæ'; but as these are all published at length in the Philosophical Transactions, we may content ourselves with this brief mention of them, and the remark that Mr. Huggins's experimental conclusion as to the gaseous nature of the nebulæ he has examined will be taken advantage of by the advocates of the nebular hypothesis: a question which a few years ago occasioned much excitement among astronomers. The facts appear to be against those who contend that all the nebulæ could be resolved into stars, or stellar points, with sufficiently powerful telescopes.

One other subject remains to be noticed. General Sabine mentioned that the Swedish Expedition to Spitzbergen has returned from the second year of a survey, preliminary to the measurement of an arc of the meridian; and no doubt is now entertained of the practicability of the measurement of an arc of at least three degrees, with a possibility of further extension. The Report upon this preof further extension. The Report upon this pre-liminary survey is to be published in the course of the winter; and the summer of 1865 is looked forward to for the commencement of the arc itself.

The proceedings terminated, as usual, with the delivery of the medals, election of Council and

officers, and the anniversary dinner.
This year the Royal Society have confined the award of their medals to members of their own body, and, with a discrimination which we think no one will find fault with, Mr. Charles Darwin, who some years ago had a Royal Medal, has now been selected for the Copley Medal, in recognition chiefly of his long and eminent researches in geology, zoology, and physiological botany. The subjects were ably set forth on the presentation of the medal, and the 'Origin of Species' was not passed without comment. As some of our readers may be curious to know what General Sabine said on this much-debated work, we quote his own words: "Although," he said "opinions may be divided or undecided with respect to its merits in some particulars, all will allow that it contains a mass of observation bearing upon the habits, structure, affinities, and distribution of animals, perhaps unrivalled for interest, minuteness, and patience of observation. Some among us may perhaps incline to accept the theory indicated by the title of this work, while others may perhaps incline to refuse, or at least to remit it to a future time, when increased knowledge shall afford stronger grounds for its ultimate acceptance or rejection. Speaking generally and collectively, we have expressly omitted it from the grounds of our award. This on the one hand: on the other, I believe that, both collectively and individually, we agree in regarding every real bond fide inquiry into the truths of nature as in itself essentially legitimate; and we also know that in the history of science it has happened more than tory of science it has happened more than once that hypotheses or theories, which have afterwards been found true or untrue, being entertained by men of powerful minds, have stimulated them to explore new paths of research, from which, to whatever issue they may ultimately have conducted, the explorer has meanwhile brought back rich and fresh spoils of knowledge." This way of stating the question will not please both parties in the argument; but it was perhaps suited to the occasion. In common with all who were then present, we cannot help expressing our sincere regret that ill-health prevented Mr. Darwin from attending to receive the medal in person. It was received for him by his excellent friend, Mr. Busk. But in so far as his absence could be compensated, it was compensated by the admirable speeches of Sir Charles Lyell and Mr. Busk at the anniversary dinner.

The Royal Medals were awarded to Mr. J. Lockhart Clarke and Mr. Warren De La Rue. Mr. Clarke's investigations have long been known among the best physiologists; they comprise re-searches on the intimate structure of the spinal cord and brain, and on the development of the spinal cord. Those acquainted with the subject are aware that this class of researches involves at once the most interesting and the most intricate of physiological questions; and, we may add, most laborious patience on the part of the observer. introducing an important improvement into the method of investigation, Mr. Clarke has succeeded, beyond others, in throwing light on this intricate question. Instead of using opaque sections of the parts to be examined, he devised a process for rendering them transparent, whereby it became possible to trace the finer and more intimate arrangement; and this method has not only, in his own hands, proved fruitful in valuable results, but, having been adopted by his fellow-labourers in the same pursuit, has been most influential on the general progress of the inquiry. Mr. Clarke, moreover, is one of the few who work on for years in quiet self-reliance, animated solely by an earnest love of their work : hence this recognition of his merits becomes the more gratifying to his friends, We believe he was first led to the special branch of physiological study which he has taken up from discussion of metaphysics was through physiology.

Mr. De La Rue's title to a Royal medal, in the

dry phraseology of the official award, is, "his observations on the total eclipse of the sun in 1860, and for his improvements in astronomical photogra-In what way photography can be employed in the former subject can best be seen in the Philosophical Transactions for 1862: the series of coloured plates there published are the best record ever yet produced of the physical phenomena of a solar eclipse. And what can be accomplished by photography in the observation and delineation of other celestial objects has been demonstrated by Mr. De La Rue with a success which has been too often mentioned in these columns to need repetition at this time. As General Sabine observed, "No one who has not seen Mr. De La Rue's pictures of the moon can form an idea of their exquisite sharpness and beauty of definition; a result due to his employment of a reflecting telescope of exquisite defining power, the large mirror of which was figured by his own hands, and by peculiar machinery of his own contrivance." him is mainly due the construction of the photo-heliograph in use at Kew, which is regarded as a model instrument in taking instantaneous sunpictures; and as he has fully described in print his processes and instruments, he "has thus deepened the feelings of obligation towards him by giving others the benefit of his long experience in the art."

Prof. Tyndall's researches on the absorption and radiation of heat by gases and vapours, in which he has been engaged for some years, have met with such ample recognition all over Europe, the account of them having been translated into French, and are so important in themselves, that it was quite natural to expect for him the prize founded by Count Rumford for researches in light and heat. Before Prof. Tyndall commenced his researches, hardly anything had been done in the way of an experimental determination of the absorption of radiant heat by gases and vapours. Now, there are five papers in the *Philosophical Transactions* containing determinations of the absorptive power of numerous gases, with examples of modifying con ditions; also of the radiation of heat same gases; of comparisons with liquid substances, and of the penetrative power of the heat radiated from various flames. Among the conclusions from these results are, that the absorption of radiant heat by our atmosphere is mainly due to its radiant heat; that gases, when heated, radiate heat in an order corresponding to that of their absorption; and that the opacity of a substance with respect to radiant heat from a source of comparatively low temperance increases with the chemical complexity of its molecule. Referring to this latter fact, General Sabine observed, "Whatever may be thought of our ability to explain the law in the

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present state of our knowledge respecting the molecular constitution of bodies, the law itself is, in any case, highly remarkable."

The Rumford Medal given on this occasion is a

praiseworthy improvement on the one which for a praseworthy improvement on the one which for a long period had been awarded biennially by the Royal Society, and had long been complained of as poor in design and defective in character. For last year, on the recommendation of a committee last year, on the recommendation of a committee of the Society, M. Wiener, medaliist to the King of the Netherlands, an artist of acknowledged reputation, was appointed to construct a die after a new design; and worthily has he executed his task. The former medal had nothing of Rumford about it except his name on the reverse. The new one bears on the obverse the head of the celebrated Count, admirable alike in pose and execution. The face, severely classic in expression, yet a good likeness, appears with striking effect upon the metal. The legend is BENIAMIN ABRVMFORD S. ROM. IMP. COMES INSTITUIT MDCCXCVI. The reverse contains, within a compact wreath, OPTIME IN LVCIS CALORISQUE NATURA EXQVIRENDA MERENTI ADIVDI-CAT SOC: REG: LOND: We congratulate the Royal Society on their success in thus combining true Art with a high scientific honour.

We reserve a notice of the Report of the Committee of the Scientific Relief Fund, which formed part of the proceedings of the Anniversary Meeting, for a future occasion.

PHILOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S DICTIONARY.

The paragraph which you were good enough to write in your number of Saturday week about the want of more readers for the Philological Society's Dictionary has brought so many inquiries from all parts of England as to the nature of the work, that perhaps you will allow me to state in your columns

Quotations are wanted from any book not solely technical for every word in each of the three periods of English, 1250–1524 A.D., 1524–1674, 1674–1864. The last use of every obsolete word and meaning of a word is wanted, and the first use of every word and meaning introduced into English after 1250 A.D., including, therefore, nearly every derivative from the classical and modern languages. If any reader has a scarce old book of his own, he copies such extracts from it for obsolete and unusual words, meanings, and constructions, and such modern words as he judges likely or possible to have been introduced about the date of his book. If he does not like copying, he is furnished with a book, from which he can cut extracts, and then gum them on slips of paper, on which the date and title of the work have been printed. The following books are now in hand to be cut up :-

1530 Redforde's Play of Wyt and Science.1535 Coverdale's Bible.

1551-76 Archbishop Grindal's Works. 1562 Bishop Cooper's Answer. 1592 West's Symbolæography. 1599 Hackluyt's Voyages.

1600 Timon: a Play. 1608 Armin's Nest of Ninnies.

1609-17 Bishop Hall's Early Treatises. 1612 Sir John Davies on Ireland.

1615 H. Crooke. The Body of Man. 1621 Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy.

1622 Ger. Malynes's Law Merchant. 1645-62 Pagitt's Heresiography.

1659 Fuller's Injured Innocence

1661 R. Lovell's Animals and Minerals.

1667 R. Boyle's Formes and Qualities.
1678 Earl of Orrery's Parthenissa.
1680 Rushworth's Historical Collection, 1 vol.

1683 Scotch Acts of Parliament.

1698 View of an Ecclesiastick. 1716 South's Sermons.

1716 South's Sermons, 1720 Arthur Young on Agriculture. 1736 N. Bailey's Household Dictionary, 1745 John Wesley's Answer to Church. 1756 C. Nugent. The Grand Tour. 1772 J. Fletcher's Logica Genevensis. 1790 Cook's Voyages, 2 vols.

If any of your readers will volunteer to make

extracts from any of these books, I will gladly send him such as he chooses, with the necessary slips. It is only by the efforts of many hundred pairs of eyes and hands that the work can be accomplished, and this is now the third or fourth time that the and this is now the third or fourth time that the Athenœum has lent its aid towards the completion of this national work. I need not say that, after seven years' work of many readers at it, there is many a seven years' work for many more; but if every one who reads books and papers will utilize a little of his leisure time by noting the unusual words and senses he comes across, and also the apt uses of common words, and sending them in to me, or the clitter for the time height of the Dictionary. uses of common words, and sending them in to me, or the editor for the time being of the Dictionary, we shall have by 1866, when the first part of the Concise Dictionary is to appear, a better record of English words and their usages than has ever yet appeared.

F. J. FURNIVALL.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP

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It will be seen by the following list of names that a little new blood has been infused into the Council of the Royal Society elected on Wednesday last:—
President, Maj.-Gen. E. Sabine; Treasurer, W. A. Miller, M.D.; Secretaries, W. Sharpey. M.D. and G. G. Stokes; Foreign Secretary, Prof. W. H. Miller; other Members of the Council: Prof. J. C. Adams, J. Alderson, M.D., G. Busk, Esq., Col. Sir G. Everest, H. Falconer, M.D., J. P. Gassiot, Esq., J. E. Gray, Ph.D., T. A. Hirst, Ph.D., Sir H. Holland, Bart., H. B. Jones, M.D., Sir R. I. Murchison, W. Odling, Prof. W. Pole, Rev. B. Price, Sir J. Rennie, and Lord Stanley. Is the presence of Lord Stanley's name in this list to be taken as significant of a future intention to invite a nobleman to the of a future intention to invite a nobleman to the Presidential chair?

The Council of the British Association have resolved that the next Congress shall be held on Wednesday, September 6, 1865; of course at Birmingham, as settled by the vote at Bath.

A winter exhibition will be held on Wednesday next (December 7), at the Gardens of the Horticul-tural Society, South Kensington.

The Westminster play will be given this year in the school dormitory, on the evenings of Tuesday, December the 13th, Thursday the 15th, and Tuesday the 20th.

It is putting the case very mildly to say that the fact alluded to in our last impression, of the English and Foreign Library Company publishing two lists, one containing immoral books, the other not—has been a subject of conversation during the past seven days. Of course, respectable directors are astonished at the circumstance, and we can assure our readers that a strict inquiry will be made into the matter. In time, we shall, no doubt, have some explanation

of this offence against public morals.

Mr. Coventry Patmore has presented to the MS. Department of the British Museum a Collection of MS. Plays, or parts of plays, about 160 in number, which formerly constituted the theatrical chest of which formerly constituted the theatrical chest of Drury Lane Theatre while under the management of R. Brinsley Sheridan. This chest was deposited by Sheridan, soon after the fire in 1809, with the late Mr. John Marshall, of Soho Square, as security for a loan of 800l. The loan was never repaid, and Mr. Marshall eventually parted with the collection to Mr. P. G. Patmore, the father of the present donor. The collection contains autographs or copies of several well-known pieces by O'Keeffe, Cobb, Mrs. Inchbald, &c. But by far the greater number and the most interesting of the pieces are unpublished, and some have never even the greater number and the most interesting of the pieces are unpublished, and some have never even been played. Among the autographs is a piece called 'Ixion,' the first dramatic attempt of Sheridan, in conjunction with his school-fellow Halhed. Moore's 'Life of Sheridan' contains some quotations from this piece. Moore, who speaks of it underthe title of 'Jupiter,' says that it was a farce, or play, in three acts, "written in imitation of the burletta of Midas." There are several other pieces in the hand-writing of R. B. Sheridan, and of his son Tom Sheridan. There is likewise an opera in the hand-writing of Charles Lamb, and there is another containing twenty-seven songs, the author of which is aut Moore aut Diabolus. The collection, we understand, has

never been submitted to any critic having extensive acquaintance with the handwritings and dramatic history of the time; and it seems probable that a close examination might discover more bable that a close examination might discover more interesting particulars in connexion with it than are apparent on the surface. Many pieces contain MS. corrections in the handwriting of Sheridan. Two or three are pantomimes; and, in addition to the dramatic pieces, there are several private letters, receipts, &c., from the actors and dramatists of the time, addressed to R. B. Sheridan.

A young female chimpanzee has been added to the collection in the Zoological Gardens.

An attempt is to be made to obtain Parliamentary powers to enlarge the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, and for that purpose to acquire the site of St. Martin's Workhouse. Although this the site of St. Martin's Workhouse. Although this effort ought to have been made long ago, we trust it will be successful, so that the whole of the national pictures may be well seen under one roof, and on the spot which the House of Commons has at least three times affirmed to be the best for public

Mr. James Fergusson has returned from Palestine with this main result,—that his impression as to the Mosque of Omar being the original Church of the Holy Sepulchre is confirmed. "I have nothing to unsay, and very little to add." Such is his summary. While at Hebron, he enjoyed an his summary. While at Hebron, he enjoyed an opportunity of inspecting the great mosque, which he also finds to have been originally a Christian church of the thirteenth century. How it could have been built—seeing that the Moslems had possession of Hebron—we are at a loss to conceive.
The engineers, we are glad to find, are going on quietly with their labour in Jerusalem, Izzet Pasha befriending them in every way. In a few months the survey will be finished, and then the work of excavation might profitably commence.

'The American Joe Miller' is the title of a work to be issued by Messrs. Adams & Francis. The book, it is said, will contain the jokes of President Lincoln, "Major Longbow," and Sam Slick.

Mr. A. J. Waudby, who addressed us last week on the subject of our remarks on his share of the drawings in Messrs. Longman's illustrated New Testament, cannot have read the criticism to which he refers. He assumes that it was desirable that Testament, cannot have read the criticism to which he refers. He assumes that it was desirable that the series of works in question should have been "unique"; the work of one hand—his own. We intended to convey no such impression, and meant simply what we wrote,—that "the subject-pictures have been, with one important exception, drawn by Mr. Waudby" in a creditable manner. We did not censure the artist (Mr. Scott) who produced the exception by any implication of the kind adopted by Mr. Waudby. Our Correspondent says that the subject referred to was, like the rest, drawn on wood by himself, but that "the engraver was diffident of rendering the extreme delicacy of the drawing," and that, consequently, another artist made a bolder drawing, which supplied the exception in view. If Mr. Waudby turns to the last paragraph of our criticism, he will read that the "extreme delicacy," as he calls it, of the whole series of drawings is precisely that quality which we consider fatal to the Art-value of the publication; he cannot imagine that we regret not to have more of that which we believe beyond the province of wood-engraving. wood-engraving.

Mr. George Scharf has published a handy Catalogue of the pictures in the National Portrait Gallery. A brief but very careful notice of each personage represented is given; also a description of the picture, and all that is known of its previous history. Thus, the Catalogue has the permanent interest of a biographical dictionary.

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The Messrs. Tinsley Brothers have reprinted, under the common title of 'The Nile Basin,' two papers hostile to Capt. Speke's claims as a great Nilotic discoverer. The first paper is Capt. Burton's discourse read at the Royal Geographical Society, in which he essayed to prove that Tanganyika is the western lake of Ptolemy; the second paper is a review of Capt. Speke's 'Journal,' by Mr. James M'Queen. It was quite right that these energetic criticisms should be rescued from newspaper

columns, and put side by side on the book-shelf. | at Teos, 4l.; electrum coin of Thebes, with head | hammer's paper, 'On the Composition of Sea-water We are still a long way from hearing the last word of Bacchus, the infant Hercules on the reverse, in different Parts of the Ocean,' was resumed and about the Nile.

Mr. F. G. Stephens, who is writing a memoir of the late William Hunt, water-colour painter, begs us to say that he will be thankful to those owners of the artist's works who will kindly communicate to him, at 93, Lupus Street, S.W., the titles and dates of their possessions.

Among the announcements of propositions to be laid before Parliament in the ensuing Session, the The removal of Middle Row, Holborn,—a road from Piccadilly, through Hamilton Place, to Park Lane, nearly opposite Pitt's Head Mews,—a road from Pont Street, crossing Cadogan Place and Sloane Street, and terminating in the Cromwell Road, or Brompton Road, Old Brompton, near the east end of the South Kensington Museum :- the opening to the public, free, of all bridges upon tolls are levied, including Deptford Creek Bridge, Waterloo Bridge, Lambeth Bridge, Vauxhall Bridge, Chelsea Suspension Bridge, Battersea Bridge. The Metropolitan Board of Works, the Corporation of London, and the Commissioners of Woods and Forests are, it is proposed, to be invested with the charge of these bridges, with power to require the parishes adjoining to them to contribute towards such purchases and to levy a rate for the purpose.

Mr. J. Payne Collier requests us to insert the following brief note on the emendation of a passage in 'The Merry Wives of Windsor,' proposed by Mr. Edward Viles in our last number. "Perhaps you will just allow me to say, that six years ago I printed 'cane-coloured,' and not Cuin-coloured, as descriptive of the hue of Slender's beard in 'The Merry Wives of Windsor,' act 1, sc. 4. The case stands thus, as far as I can tell by the authorities at present at hand: in the 4to. 1602 the dialogue between Mrs. Quickly and Simple is literatim this: Quic. How say you? I take it he is somewhat a weakly

man:
And he has as it were a whay coloured beard.
SIM. Indeed my maisters beard is kane colored.
QUIC. Kane colour, you say well.

The text is the same in the 4to. 1619. In the folios 1623, 1632, 1664 and 1685 the language is that quoted by Mr. Viles from the oldest of these authorities, where the word is 'Caine colourd.' In 1709 Rowe printed it "Cain-colourd,' with a hyphen, but, in 1733, Theobald, I think, for the first time, substituted 'cane - coloured,' an epithet which Capel continued in 1767. All the modern impressions to which I have now an opportunity of referring, excepting that of Mr. Knight in 1842, read 'Cain-coloured,' including those of the two rivalfriends, Mr. Singer in 1856, and Mr. Dyce in 1857. In 1858 I followed the example of Mr. Knight, who deserves the credit of having restored the reading of Theobald and Capel, which had been discountenanced throughout by Steevens and Malone. I may add, that Prof. Mommsen, in his completion of Schlegel and Ticck's translation of Shake-speare (Berlin, 1854), renders 'Caine-coloured,' or 'cane-coloured,' by the German word zimmerfurben, i.e. 'cinnamon-coloured'-ein zimmerfarb'nes Bärtehen. He, therefore, was clearly of opinion that the imputed colour of Slender's beard had no reference whatever to Cain or Judas.

The adoption by the Treasury authorities of a practice by which the rights of the Crown to treasure trove have been waived in favour of certain archæological societies, the finders, leads us to suggest that the latter should deposit their treasures for a time in the Loan Collection at the South Kensington Museum. The ornaments recently found at Sarr might well be shown to the public in this manner. Could not the Treasury stipulate to this end?

The small cabinet of coins, belonging to Mr. Merlin, Vice Consul at Athens, has just been dispersed by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge. The following are the prices at which some of the principal lots were sold. A silver coin of Amphipolis, with crab in the field, 6l. 6s.; gold coin of Philippi, with head of Hercules to the right, 121. 5s.; gold coin of Alexander the Great, minted at Pitane, 81.; another specimen, minted

of Bacchus, the infant Hercules on the reverse, 10l. 10s.; a didrachm of Athens, 5l. 5s.; silver coin of Corinth, with Pegasus flying to the left, 61. 6s.; silver coin of Sicyon, with Chimera walking to the left, 8l. 8s.; silver coin of Elis, 6l. 2s. 6d.; Pheneus, with head of Proserpine to the right, 25l.; Stymphalus, with head of female crowned, 28l.; Severus and Domna, a rare specimen in copper, 91.; Antiochus IX., a fine specimen of the Jupiter type, 3l. 2s.; an uncertain coin of Ptolemy, with busts of Scrapis and Isis, 6l.

The subject of dating books published in the last two or three months of the year with the date of the following year is one, says a Correspondent, open to much objection. "As Bibliography is rising to the rank of a science, surely this habit, equally useless and deceptive, might be abandoned. caulay's third and fourth volumes, and Mr. Tennyson's 'Maud,' both published in December, 1855, bear the date of the proper year; so that the practice seems to admit of exceptions in the case of standard works. One would be curious to know if any more copies of any book have been sold through its being thus ante-dated; if not, why do it?

Nearly everywhere the diggers for the modern convenience of railways meet with the remains of a world long gone by. At Dürckheim, not far from the old Roman road between Worms and Speyer, an interesting discovery has been made by navvies of the new railroad in construction. loose setting of stones, the remains of a water-jug were found, of a dish or bowl, with the tripod belonging to it, and a round looking-glass; a head-ring ornamented by knots, to which belonged most likely a further ornament of tinsel, the remains of which showed handsome workmanship in rilievo of foliage, bearded masks, &c., besides a plain arm-ring, and another ornamented with masks, both without any contrivance for opening, and only fit for a delicate female hand; these and the head-ring are of pure gold. A naked male figure, bent backwards, has probably formed the handle of the jug. Most curious is the work on the upper edge of the tripod, representing different groups, in one of which a panther is tearing a stag or an ox, in another a male figure with a winged foot, sitting lady-fashion across a galloping horse (Mercury or Charon on horseback?). The whole of these curious objects, near which neither bones nor ashes have been found, are supposed to have had reference to the rites of sacrifice; a little heap of incense, the grains of which burn now with a clear flame without having lost any of its resinous perfume, seems to strengthen this supposition. workmanship, particularly that of the tripod, bears the character of the third century after Christ. About the year 250, these treasures may have been hid, on account of danger threatening from Allemannians and Franks. The directors of the railway have taken care of these valuable objects of antiquity.

SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.—NOW OPEN, the ANNUAL WINTER EXHIBITION of SKETCHES and STUDIES by the Members, at their Gallery, 5, Pall Mall East.

MR. MORBY'S COLLECTION of MODERN HIGH-CLASS PICTURES is 0N YIEW at the Royal Exchange Fine Arts Gallery, 24, Cornhill. This Collection contains examples of Creswick, R.A.—Clarkson Standeld, R.A.—North, R.A.—Larkson Standeld, R.A.—Vard, R.A.—Larkson Standeld, R.A.—Cooke, R.A.—Vard, R.A.—Larkson, R.A.—Pickersgill, R.A.—Dobson, A.R.A.—T, Faed, A.R.A.—Cooper, A.R.A.—Larkson, A.R.A.—Larkson, A.R.A.—Larkson, R.A.—Calderon, A.R.A.—Sand, A.R.A.—Larkson, R.A.—Calderon, A.R.A.—Sand, R.A.—Calderon, B.R.A.—Calderon, B.R.A.

Mr. and Mrs. GERMAN REED, with Mr. JOHN PARRY, womeneace their Season on MONDAY EVENTING, December 5, and "The Sea Side; or, Mrs. Roeelerd Out of Town.—Royal Gall of Illustration, 14, Regent Street.—Unreserved Seats, 18, 1 Stalls, 3s. and 5s.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Vales.—'Sound and Acoustic Illusions,' by Professor Pepper—be eminent Violinist—Paganiui's Ghost daily at 430 and 845—the American Rope Trick and Non-Spiritual Scance, by J. L. Riuz, Esq.—Stokes on Memory—The 45host Illusions as usual J. H. Pepper and Henry Dircks joint inventors.—Open Twelve of Fre, and Seven to Ten.—Admission, i.e.

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SOCIETIES.

ROYAL.—Nov. 24.—Major-Gen. Sabine, President, in the chair.—The reading of Prof. Forch-

in different Parts of the Ocean,' was resumed and concluded.

GEOGRAPHICAL.—Nov. 28.—Sir R. I. Murchison, President, in the chair.—The first paper read was a narrative of an 'Expedition across the Rocky Mountains into British Columbia, by the Yellow Head or Leather Pass,' by Viscount Milton and Dr. Cheadle.—The next paper was 'On the new Country of North Australia discovered by Mr. J. Macdouall Stuart,' by Mr. Stuart. This was a brief account of the fertile region between the centre of Australia and the mouth of the Adelaida River, which had been explored by the author healthy, and the land well adapted for European set-tlers, if Malays and Chinese could be introduced as a labouring class, in which there was no difficulty. The Adelaide River had 40 feet of water at a distance of 80 miles from its mouth, and its entrance formed a secure harbour. In concluding, Mr. Stuart said he should avail himself of his privilege as a discoverer, by giving a name to this region, hitherto known only as North Australia. He proposed calling it "Alexandra Land," after Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

Geological.—Nov. 23.—W. J. Hamilton, Esq., President, in the chair.—W. S. Mitchell, Esq., was elected a Fellow.—The following communications were read :- 'On the Occurrence of Organic Remains in the Laurentian Rocks of Canada,' by Sir W. E. Logan.—'On the Structure of certain Organic Remains found in the Laurentian Rocks of Canada, by Dr. J. W. Dawson, with a note by Dr. W. B. Carpenter.—'On the Mineralogy of certain Organic Remains found in the Laurentian Rocks of Canada,' by T. S. Hunt, Esq.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES .- Nov. 24 .- Octavius Morgan, Esq., V.P., in the chair.—Notice was given of the ballot for the election of a Member of Council in the room of the Marquess of Bristol on the 1st of December .- The following exhibitions and communications were laid before the Society: Mr. Carmichael, two figures in terra-cotta of Mexican princes, stated to be respectively Tecum Tetepul, "Mountain of Grandeur," 1520 B.C., and Cotechu, "Eagle-face," 1160 B.C.—Henry Harrod, Esq., a flint implement found on Colton beach, midway Yarmouth and Lowestoft. - Frederic between Ouvry, Esq., a flint implement from Aberdeenshire.

—The Rev. D. J. Eyre, photographs of chalices, patens, episcopal staffs and rings, from tombs of Bishops of Salisbury.—Octavius Morgan, Esq., by permission of S. R. Bosanquet, Esq., 1. A Babylonian cylinder of exquisite workmanship; 2. A jewel of St. George cut in cameo. Both these exhibitions were illustrated by remarks from Mr. King.

ZOOLOGICAL.—Nov. 22.—Prof. T. H. Huxley, V.P., in the chair.—A paper was read by Dr. P. P. Carpenter, entitled 'Contributions towards a Monograph of the Pandoridæ.'—Mr. Mivart read a communication 'On the Crania and Dentition of the Lemuridæ, giving the results of his investiga-tions of the specimens of this group of animals contained in the British Museum, and the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.—A communica-tion was read from Dr. J. C. Cox, of Sydney, New South Wales, giving the descriptions of fo new species of Australian Land Shells, lately received from Port Clarence.—Mr. P. L. Sclater pointed out the characters of some new species of Birds discovered in Brazil by the late Dr. John Natterer, of which he had lately obtained duplicate specimens from the Imperial Collection of Vienna. The most noticeable of these was a new species of the genus Granatellus, proposed to be called G.Pelzelnii, and a new Tanager, the Tanager olivina of Natterer's MS .- A communication was read from Dr. L. Pfeiffer, describing seven new species of Land Shells from the Cumingian collection.—Dr. J. E. Gray communicated a notice of the atlas and cervical vertebræ of a Right Whale, in the Sydney Museum, New South Wales, which appeared to indicate the existence of a new form of this group distinguished by the complete separation of the atlas from the other vertebræ, Nº 19 and by o ETHNO

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ETHNOLOGICAL.—Nov. 22.—J. Lubbock, Esq., President, in the chair.—Viscount Milton and H. Danby Seymour, Esq., M.P., were elected Fellows.—'On the Present State of Dahome,' by Capt. R. Burton. In the discussion, Mr. Galton noticed the various causes of the interest felt by Europeans in respect to that country. The chief were its situation upon that belt of fertile country bounding the Sahara desert, along which commercial intercourse was most practicable, and the danger of attack to which the Christians of the important missionary station of Abukuta were exposed. Mr. Nash commented on the superstitious notions of the Dahomans of transmitting messages to the departed ancestors of the king through the medium of the slaughtered victims of the bloody rites of the "Grand Custom," and referring to a recent case in Brittany of a serand reterring or recent seems between your arms girl pinning a written message for her own deceased parents to the shroud of her mistress, as also to the known prevalence as early as the first century of similar ideas amongst the ancient Gauls, urged that so widely spread were most superstitions that we could not attribute any of them specially to any particular existing race.—'On the Principles of Ethnology,' by Mr. J. S. Prideaux. The gist of this paper was, that it was requisite to obtain accuracy of definition for the terms employed in Ethnology as is the case in every other science, and that for a proper foundation for its principles we should determine first the characteristics of existing types, and next obtain a knowledge of the practical influences of such types upon one another. Mr. Prideaux also strongly urged the formation of an efficient Ethnological Museum.

Society of Arts. - Nov. 3. - The Duke of Somerset, K.G., in the chair. - The paper read was 'On the Application of Iron to the Purposes of Naval Construction,' by W. Fairbairn, Esq.

INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES.—Nov. 28.—C. Jellicoe, Esq., President, in the chair.—Mr. W. F. Purdy was elected an Associate.—Mr. P. Gray read a paper, by Mr. Makeham, 'On the Solution of General Problems in Survivorships.'

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Entomological, 7.

Royal Academy, 8.—' Anatomy,' Prof. Partridge.

Royal Institution, 2.—General Monthly Meeting.

Engineers, 8.—' Great Grimsby Docks'—' River Tees and its

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Royal Institution, Great Grimsby Docks, "River Tees and its Navigation."

Anthropological, 8.—Contents of a Kist at Keiss, Caithness, Mr. Laing; 'A Kistvaen in Shetland, Messrs. Roberts and Carter Blake; 'Hut Circles, Mr. Roberts; 'Ancient Skulls,' Dr. Smart; 'Tumuli from Cheltenham,' Dr. Bird.

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Antiquaries, 81. Astronomical, 8.

PINE ARTS

WINTER EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.

HERE is much of the gold material of the artistic mint; some of it warm from the brain; all of it newly impressed by the hands of the painters; and the greatest part "fresh from the country." As might be expected from the constitution of the Society, this gathering is not so rich in figure-subjects as one might desire; the case can hardly be otherwise until the effect of the old superstition, which con-fined the exercise of this branch of Art to landmed the exercise of this branch of Art to landscapes and minor themes, is wholly dissipated, and
more men of the calibre of Messrs. F. W. Burton,
E. B. Jones, Lundgren and F. Walker are added
to the list of those members who, before their
time, gave themselves to figure painting. It is
pleasant to find that an entirely different and far
more left reasons of the walk is sufficiently by the more lofty range of thought is cultivated by the new members than that which was in vogue of yore; so that figure-painting is not now almost

exclusively devoted to domestic or sentimental themes; but poetic inspiration and dramatic power find full scope in that which was erst not unfairly

considered a minor art. considered a minor art.

Among the signs that show this branch of painting to have entered upon a wider stage is the appearance of several designs for decorative figures made by Mr. E. B. Jones, which evince so much power, and are so perfectly adapted to their proper end, that we place them high in the list of admirable works here: these are thirteen in all. Design of the Event Sevene to be received in July Bubble. of the Four Seasons, to be executed in Della Robbia Ware (No. 330); 372, Studies of Two Figures for Decoration; and 380, which is modestly styled Studies of Drapery, are amongst the most beautiful and poetic examples of their class. To those who know that some of the most glorious works of Art were, and are, decorations, it will be needless to say that the office of Mr. Jones's designs is not inferior to the highest. This gentleman is a great artist in his love of beauty and originality of conception; such works as he contributes give life and intellectual expression to what is styled "design," and are of the sort that Titian, Tintoret and the subtle geniuses of Florence dealt in-see the standing figure in No. 380, the designs of "Fair Women," which are proposed for tapestry, and the studies of heads.—Mr. F. W. Burton's Study in Chalk (22), the head of a model, although very finely drawn and formed, has too much of that model's characteristic, but melo-dramatic, idea of grandeur in expression to be fortunate. In a Church, near Rothenburg (98) is charmingly quiet in feeling, and powerfully handled; notice the treatment of the red-covered altar, the black almsbox and the tones of the naked wooden pews The painting of the ancient Castle-Gate at Oberfranken (218) is singularly vigorous. Flowers (419), by the same, should be studied and enjoyed.—Mr. Lundgren sends several studies; of these, A Woman's Face (32) is the most charming. It represents a beautiful female in a rich dress, and is painted somewhat in the manner of Mr. Gilbert, but is sounder in handling. The interior of the Convent of St. Paula, Seville (49), shows an altar standing in semi-gloom; the entrance to a sunlighted cloister, strongly grated with metal, and decorated with rocco flourishes in the vile taste of debased Art in Spain; two nuns extinguish the altar candles. This is a triumph of tone, splendid in colour and gorgeously effective. An Indian Dancing Girl on the Nile (73), ink-sketch, considered with the above, shows the wealthy freedom of Mr. Lundgren's power in Art; a woman slowly weaves the voluptuous motion of an Oriental dance,

so is No. 94, Arab School. Mr. F. Smallfield's La Padovana (303) is Mr. F. Smallfield's La Padorana (303) is a rather vulgarly rendered study of the head of a woman, of unrefined character; not a good work. Some less pretentious drawings by the same do him credit.—Sketch for a Subject, from Denis Duval (401), by Mr. F. Walker, a garden-scene, is a little hard in treatment; but nevertheless very beautifully painted. Sketch (420), Duval's mother completing his toilette, is less hard and more truly pictorial than the last; it is a little dirty in some parts of the colour, but a cood study dirty in some parts of the colour, but a good study of character and expression.—Mr. Oakley's study styled *Young Rustics* (185) is free from that affectation which belongs to "rustic" themes in commonplace Art.—Although Mr. B. Willis paints cows, he does so in a manner which is perfect, whether as regards execution or characterization, and shows himself a master in his art, whom Cuyp himself would treat with profound respect. Cuyp's accessorial cows are inferior to the beautifully gentle creatures which bask in Mr. Willis's soft, sunlit pictures. The Studies of Cows' Heads, from Life (152) are marvels, not only in technical respects of colour, textural imitation and drawing—see the tawny, grey and white of all the creatures, the sheeny surface of their hides, the rich and clear reflexions in the shadows of those hides, and the solid lights which, with the last, make perfect modelling, so grateful to an artist's eye,—but he shows the faces of the good beasts to be expressive as regards execution or characterization, and shows shows the faces of the good beasts to be expressive of a genial docility that is pathetic and even grand. Mr. S. Palmer is, we believe, the oldest member

and whirls her scarf about her; a dashing sketch:

of this Society; his works are amongst the most poetical of pictures, a character the more remarkable, because he deals with a very limited range of themes. Sunset and noon, and, more rarely. moonlight and morn, are the phases of the day to which he confines himself; he affords an example of an artist whose works illustrate the difference between style and manner.—An ability which was inferior to Mr. Palmer's would make what are superb specimens of style into poor mani-festations of manner. Turn to No. 189, The Early Ploughman, a semi-"classical" landscape, to which Ploughman, a semi-"classical" landscape, to which the genius of the artist has imparted a realistic character of the most poetic sort: a labourerupon an upland atsunrise ploughs urgently; his black oxen drag with the indomitable pull of their kind; far removed, a broken line of deep indigo-hued mountain breaks the horizon; behind these the sun rises, marking their peaks sharply, and setting in a golden glow the lower edges of an ocean of clouds, the higher masses of which keep their cool intensity of blue, while the intermediate frinces blush red from point. while the intermediate fringes blush red from point to point; above the cloud the morning star, yet uncelipsed, reigns in a pearly firmament; in the shadows of the hills a lake parts with its veil of mist, and its nearer side gleams in the dawn; in the foreground, a spring, lighted by reflexion from the cool sky, pours itself away. Lycidas (196) is not less beautiful than the last. The River glideth at its own sweet will (366), is one of the most poetical of pictures of evening. Going home ai Curfew-time (421) is hardly less delightful.—Mr. Curfew-time (421) is hardly less delightful.—Mr. Holland deals admirably with Venetian scenes; only one painter could have dealt better than he has done with the subject of No. 5, Venice, with its delicate silvery pallor of those marvellous buildings, and sheeny levels of that wonderful sea. No. 445, Venice, from Sta. Giorgio, is nearly equal to its companions to its companions.

Mr. Boyce deserves one of the highest places as a painter of landscapes. He has the art to give not only absolute truth of aspect to studies of common themes, but a grandeur which elevates them to the poetic class of Art. It is because this painter is so faithful that he is so fortunate. No painter is so faithful that he is so fortunate. No commonplace painter, however, especially if an insincere one, could have invested the barn and farmyard in Old Barn at Whitchurch (435), its litter and its sleek, sable occupants, with so much of the dignity of a magnificent building, nor could such a one have given to stable-litter and black pigs the charm of admirable colour. This study is a masterpiece. We commend to lovers of good Art the drawings, by Mr. Boyce, which are numbered 400, Dovecot at Streatley,—270, Valley of the Lledr, a grand moonlight,—186, Water Study on the Llugny, a waterfall: notice the skilful management of the stream above the cascade, its rosy reflexions, and stream above the cascade, its rosy reflexions, and the perfect treatment of the breaking water; this work contrasts with No. 270. No. 170, Valley of the Lledr, Sunset, is magnificent in effect and colour; it gives the gloomy, purple valley, shadowed by masses of clouds, that are themselves purple below and gilt above, rich in transmitted light, and sombre with deep blue shades, that fill light, and sombre with deep blue shades, that fill the caverns in their vaporous bulks.—Mr. A. W. Hunt has apparently abandoned his iridescent effects for simpler ones. Dunstanborough Castle (292) is one of the best of these—a fine study of sea and sky under a peculiar effect. Moel Siabod (355) gives admirably the grandeur of that noble hill, and the loveliness of its approaching valleys. No. 425, Cornfield, Old Durham, is very soft and beautiful.—Mr. S. P. Jackson is successful with his Twadgers in Tenh Ban (260), a calm, loitering his Trawlers in Tenby Bay (260), a calm, loitering craft, and gleaming sea. Bettws-y-Coed (307) is superior to most of the artist's works; it may be because he has attempted less, and has not painted with so much hard precision as usual. It looks like a study of an enchanted garden, and is as

faithful as a photograph.

Mr. Nash's interiors are curiously unlike, yet. Mr. Nash's interiors are currously united, yet-like, the places they profess to represent. He gives us the dry bones of a dwelling-place after they have been thoroughly cleared of the stains of time, service, and man's mischievous ways. To these skeletons are introduced human figures in costumes of old time, but the result is neither a resuscitation of the building nor a picture of its present state.

Neither the fresh splendours of the ancient house nor the picturesqueness of its decay appear in the Staircase at Hatfield (38). To the exercise of a Staircase at Hatfield (38). To the exercise of a dextrous, but hard and unfeeling manner, all the artistic qualities, all the charms of tone, the wealth of colour and chiaroscuro, those powerful induce-ments to paint such themes as Mr. Nash affects, have been sacrificed. His drawings are bright, cleverly-treated diagrams, not pictures. Consider what a man with an eye for colour might have done, even with a black-lead pencil, with such a subject as the Study in Westminster Abbey (55) see how Mr. Nash has made those magnificent pillars look like hearth-stone.—Mr. S. Read's Tomb in Cobham Church (174), although little more than a sketch, is, being truer, compared with Mr. Nash's productions, a pathetic picture and a work of Art.

Mr. C. Haag's drawings are so extremely fresh, neat and effective that the student looks to them for more than dextrous manipulation, and is almost afraid to think the most venerable buildings have been kept in drawing-rooms and under glass cases. See the brilliant Architectural Study at Genazzam, Sabine Hills (91). Admit that hundred years of an Italian atmosphere would fail to stain this beautiful work, still it is hard to think that Time would leave it in other respects as fresh as newly-fractured chalk. original may be white, but it certainly is not monotonous in colour and like this very clever sketch. The love of colour is the most emphatic mark of an artistic mind: failure to perceive the subtle manifestations of colour is a lamentable thing in a painter. No. 25 represents the fractured shell of the lonely structure which is known as The Slave Tower, Roman Campagna; this work looks singularly effective, but it is hung too high to be fairly examined.—Mr. Glennie's Cloister of St. Prancesco in Pola (63) may be contrasted with Mr. Nash's Westminster Abbey (55), and, after all possible allowance has been made for the effects of differing climates on the buildings, the student will conclude that Mr. Glennie is an artist, Mr.

Nash a draughtsman.

Mr. Davidson's At Hastings (8) shows the cliffs at the place and the pure blue sea; it is airy and soft in effect. No. 11, On the Hills over Barmouth, is very powerfully coloured and vigorous in tone The sea is like deep-tinted enamel. The heather and grass-clothed hills give a lovely effect to this. Mill near Dolgelly (43) is equally powerful; the building stands among thick trees, its solidity contrasting—such is the painter's skill—with their plumy texture. At Barmouth (175) should be admired. -Mr. Richardson, in No. 17, Bay of Portree, Skye, and Mr. W. C. Smith, in 70, Hardwick Hall, exemplify the vices of the style of landscape painting which was introduced by Harding: the same may be said for Mr. Branwhite's artificial frost pictures: these have all the vices of scene painting and none of its apologies.-Mr. J. Burgess chose a fine subject when he painted the Calvary at Pleyben, Brittany (313); it shows what Gothic architects could do with subjects of the triumphal-arch sort, and needs but to be treated ona larger scale to display its fitness for their ends. Mr. Naftel has several welcome studies of sunlight; of these the most pleasant is The Fairies' Haunt (359), folks cutting fern .- Mr. Jenkins continues to paint capital landscapes: No. 33, At Chidding-fold, an old cottage, autumn-tinted trees and a lane, and No. 128, Hill Side in Kent, with trees, are very solidly painted, and, what is best of all, very like nature.—Mr. Cox's Keston Common (262), a ragged piece of moorland, with a mill, is very powerfully painted and picturesque.—Mr. Dodgson's beechen studies are as delightful as ever : see No. 23, Study in Knole Park, -a sunny glade, with fair lady-beeches, rich grassy slopes, striped with shadows: a charming drawing. At Sonning (190) shows the elms and elders of the river bank, and a brilliant summer sky. -Mr. B. Foster gains in breadth of style in Haslemere (291), a fine picture, unfinished, but exquisitely country-like. Study of Ferns (374) deserves a higher name; it is a work after Mr. Foster's own heart, and, for the exercise of his peculiar order of skill, pre-eminently fortunate; it looks like a glimpse of faëry, although

but a bit of a sunlit wood .- Mr. A. D. Fripp does not contribute to this Exhibition; his brother is in unusual strength: see four sketches in No. 27, which the first, On the Heights near Tintagel, is exquisite. It is worth while to compare these works with each other; they come from places as diverse in colour and character as Elairgowrie, Tintagel and Eastbourne; yet the painter has so completely generalized his notion of colour as to give them a similar stamp. No. 84 contains some beautiful studies. Other more important works characterize the artist at his best; these commend to the student's admiration.

FINE-ART GOSSIP.—We suggest to the Society of Painters in Water Colours that the room in Pall Mall East should be used for an Exhibition of as many of the drawings by William Hunt as can be got together. No doubt many owners of such works would gladly lend them; we know that a very large and important collection might be borrowed for the purpose, and believe that the wonderful ability of the painter would be manifested by the getting together of a large number of his works; to the dissipating of the popular idea that Hunt was monotonous in his art, and that his productions are in any sense repetitions. The Society owes some such attention to the memory of its most famous member.

In the list of architects who have been invited to compete for the designing of the new Grocers' Hall, the name of Mr. W. A. Boulnois should have appeared in place of that of Mr. P. Hardwicke, jun.

The promoter of the Winter Exhibition at the French Gallery, Pall Mall, having offered prizes to be awarded by a committee of artists and amateurs for the best pictures sent to the Gallery, that of 100l. is to be given to Mr. Orchardson, for his picture of 'The Challenge,' and that of 50l. to Mr. W. H. Davis, for his 'Morning on the Salaises at Boulogne.

Dr. Munro, of Hamilton Place, and Novar, Perthshire, died on the 23rd ult. The deceased was well known in connexion with the Arts.

"A member of the Committee of the School of Design, Newcastle," desires us to state that the testimonial to Mr.W. B. Scott, mentioned in our last, did not proceed from the Committee of the school only, and that it was "an acknowledgment of public services and private worth emanating from numerous friends, and extending to others." bers of the Committee and students of the school subscribed. The testimonial took the form of a commission to paint a picture for the Hall of the Literary and Scientific Institution, Newcastle.

Among the most interesting articles recently added to the South Kensington Museum is a series of casts from the famous sculptures on the pulpit of the cathedral at Pisa. These will be found in the North Court. The originals are the work of Gio. Pisano, who died 1320, and have been hidden for many recent years in a vault of the cathedral; few travellers have seen them, nor have casts of them before now reached this country: a stray visitor to Pisa found them out. The subjects are:—1. The Nativity; 2. The Adoration of the Magi; 3. The Presentation in the Temple, and, in the same compartment, the Flight into Egypt; '4. The Massacre of the Innocents; 5. The Betrayal, and the Flagellation; 6. The Crucifixion. These designs have extraordinary spirit, and justify the fame of Pisano and his school in that respect. Their execution is so excellent that it will disabuse many minds of notions, derived from thoughtless criticisms of old date, respecting the technical deficiencies of early Italian sculptural art. Incomplete they undoubtedly are, but not at all archaic, in the ridiculous sense of the phrase; on the contrary, they may be studied with great profit by all who appreciate grace in Art, the dramatic representation, pathos, and vigorous conception of a subject. They may be compared, with enlightenment to the student, with English and French Gothic sculptures of the century preceding their execution, casts from so many in-valuable examples of which are to be found at South Kensington. In attempting that which is rather the province of the painter than the sculptor, the

artist of these panels has insured a certain amount of failure. Had he adopted the principles of dealing with relief in carving which were practised by the Greek and Gothic sculptors—instead of following the error of the Romans in that matter—it would have been impossible for the most severe critic to have found fault with his works. Take them as they are, and let us delight in the grace, which is not without a suspicion of the influence of the antique upon the design, of the Virgin in the first. named subject: see the freedom of conception which appears in the woman who is about to bathe the infant Christ, and who dips her fingers into the water in order to try its temperature. For richness of composition, study the three mounted kings in the second panel. Observe, also, the magnificent vigour of Herod, seated on his throne, and commanding the slaughter of the Innocents; he turns bodily, all his action complete, without straining—that vice of later Italian sculpture, and his limbs move with one consent: see the almost grotesque expressions, affecting as they are, of the women, who, in this work, implore mercy for their children. Notice the direct and simple means of suggestion, Greek in its clearness, employed by the artist when he put the bat in flight, to declare that it was night at the Betrayal. The public would welcome the acquisition at South Kensington of more casts of this class. The splendid rilieri of the Pisan school which glorify the west front of the cathedral at Orvicto,—others at Pistoja and Pisa,—the tympan, by N. Pisano, representing 'The Taking Down from the Cross,' which is at Lucca, and 'The Last Judgment,' at Siena, -are worthy of companionship with the pulpit described.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY, Exeter Hall—Conductor, Mr. COSTA.—FRIDAY, Dec. 9, JUDAS MACCABEUS. Principal Vocalists at present engaged: Madame Lemmens-Sherington, Madame Sainton-Dolby, Mr. Sins Reeves and Mr. Weiss FRIDAY, Dec. 16 and 29, the Thirty-thirt Christmas Performance of THE MESSIAH. Madame Parepa, Madame Sainton, and the Hargest available in Except Hall, consists of nearly 709 performers. Tickets, 3s., 5s. and 10s. 6d., now ready, for each performance. Nove.—The issue of Tickets for sale is very limited, consequent upon the large subscription for the New Season; early application upon the large subscription for the New Season; early application the received, payable to Mr. James Peck, Charing Cross Office.

ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA. - 'Rose; or, Love's Ransom.'-The second English opera produced under the new management musically differs from 'Helvellyn -as coming from one who has seldom, if more than once, tried his talent on the stage. Mr. Hatton, however, has been long known as a man of musical power and endowment; proved by his incidental music to 'Henry the Eighth,' written at Mr. Charles Kean's instance; by many songs (among others thoughtful settings of Herrick's lyrics, for one and for many voices; by his Cantata, 'Robin Hood':—in these having established a reputation which justified his being brought forward in a theatre of pretension, possessing adequate executive forces at its disposal.

He has not made the most of his opportunity. It was a mistake to take a libretto so well known as that of a French opera, successful enough to keep the Opéra Comique from closing its doors during the ruinous summer of the last Revolution year (1848), and made familiar here by the translation (no matter how carelessly executed) produced, with Miss L. Pyne as heroine, at the Princess's Theatre. This choice saves the critic from being required to narrate the story again; but the labour is spared at Mr. Hatton's expense, seeing that the work is thus largely deprived of the grace of

novelty.

The English arrangement of the story of 'Le Val d'Andorre,' however, includes some changes. In 'Rose,' Georgette (Mrs. Weiss) abruptly marries cowardly Blanchec (Mr. H. Corri), in place of teazing him and herself till the end of the piece. Here, too, the theft of money from Teresa (Miss Poole), by which Rose (Madame Lemmens Sherrington), the poor girl, buys off Stephen (Mr. Perren) after his conscription, from being shot as a deserter, and the atonement for her fault by Jacques, the old sorcerer (Mr. Weiss), are plunged into an entanglement and confusion which sympathy and comprehension at fault.

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complete a specimen of individual style or manner as exists in stage-music—a style that makes up for a certain aridity of invention not to be questioned. Asinits composer's other two best operas, 'L'Eclair' and 'Les Mousquetaires' ('La Juive' having lived bythe force, simplicity and splendour of its drama), a French tone is maintained with a consistent of the property of the believes to the highest consistent. a French tone is maintained with a consistent ingenuity which belongs to the highest order of talent. Taken into the orchestra, the music says little; heard on the stage, with action, costume and senerry, it helps to make up a whole, which, by its completeness, satisfies the head—if it rarely, by is beauty, touches the heart. The very reverse must be said of 'Love's Ransom,' in which opera three or more distinct humours are evident. There is music in the German style, taking the form of long and heavy scenas,—which might have belonged to Pascal heavy eccuse,—which might have belonged to 'Pascal Bruno' (Mr. Hatton's opera some years ago produced at Vienna, and in which Staudigl sang). There are ballads which are as British in their facture, as those in their writer's 'Robin Hood.' There are choruses in which the tripping and tramping rhythms of France are reproduced. There is an Italian finale. The opera, in short, has the air of a pasticcio: and the music does not seem to have been written for the words so much as the words to have been forced its navilling pastnership with the pusic. In the words so much as the words to have been forced into unwilling partnership with the music. In the concerted piece which follows the drawing of the lot by the conscripts, when the heroine learns that her lover is in the fatal list, she has naturally enough to say-

Can I be gay, When he I love is far away?

But her lament is closed with long-drawn bravura passages so brilliant in their ecstasy, that it would be passages so brilliant in their ecstasy, that it would be impossible to add any joyousness to them were the dear youth returned safe home, instead of being on the eve of departure. A more wonderful specimen presents itself in the quartett, beginning "Dear Rose, with thy pure breath," which is curious as an example of misfit. We could name many other instances of the kind in the score; but the above will suffice.

To follow these general remarks, let us mention some of the principal pieces in the opera: first, the Overture, the phrases of which are elegant and neatly put together. In the first Act—passing a piece or two of no great value—we come to the ambitious scene for the entry of the Wise Man of the village. This might have been written by Marsch-ner, who failed because his effects were Weber's at second hand, without Weber's melodies. In the at second-hand, without Weber's melodies. In the fortune-telling Quartett occurs an andante, tuneable, though out of place, because stopping the motion of the scene,—some clever writing when the wizard tells the name of the man with whom both women are in love,—and an allegro molto, than which nothing could be more trivial. Then comes the entry of Rose, the heroine, in a flower-ballad (musically, a faded flower). After this we have a lively hunting lay for the tenor, who has to make amends for his gaiety in the dismal scena (again à la Marschner), following that of the drawing of the conscription lot—which is not shown on the stage, as in the French opera, thereby depriving stage, as in the French opera, thereby depriving the work of an excellent piece of dramatic business, and closing the act with a heavy and ineffective monologue.

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The second Act, beginning with Georgette's wedding, is at its commencement laid out for brightness. To the piece already mentioned,—in which Rose wantons like a lark through all manner of blithe examples of long division over her grief at her lover being "far away,"—succeeds a dance of small value; next a pretty part-song, garnished with more solowarblings for Rose and the bridegroom, the effect of which is simply to disturb the frank simplicity of the ditty. Thirdly, comes the remorse of Rose over "the heinous crime she has committed" in stealing the money to buy Stephen's release. Here stealing the money to buy Stephen's release. Here

suprise which brings matters to rights in the original story, by disclosing that Rose is Teresa's illegitimate daughter, is omitted—possibly out of deference to a public that delights in 'La Traviata.' The tale, as in France, is carried on not with sung that spoken recitative.

Mr. Hatton's music, too, drives us on comparison. There is no hearing his 'Love's Ransom' without thinking of Halévy, whose 'Le Val d'Andorre' is as complete a specimen of individual style or manner vertex in stare music—a style that makes up for closing the act of the disclosure of the theft, in a Sherrington's to make acceptable. The scene closing the act of the disclosure of the theft, in a closing the act of the disclosure of the theft, in a waltz tempo,—followed by the wonderful Quartett already mentioned,—lastly, by the Verdi stretto,—is unmeaning, mediocre, and hackneyed. In the third Act occurs the one good ballad in the opera,—that of the tenor, immediately followed by the invocation to Sleep :-

O blessed sleep, that giveth rest And drowneth every care,

And drownent every care,
This, as a piece of music, is most ingenious; the
instruments and the voice moving in an intricate
but not confused dialogue, which recalls the carefully combined and elaborate solos to be found in
the oratorios of Bach. But an organ fugue might the orations of pach. But an organ right as well have been pressed into the service of the situation. Throughout the opera the voices are better treated than the orchesta; for which Mr. Hatton has written correctly, though without much feeling for contrast or sonority.

The opera was sung with due care and good-will by all on the stage. Mesdames Lemmens-Sherrington, Weiss and Poole, Messars. Weiss and H. Corri, all took the utmost pains. Mr. Perren has never been heard to so much advantage as in the ballad which we have just singled out. Mr. Aynsley Cook, too, as the recruiting sergeant, did his best for his very meagre music. Had the opera been another 'Sonnambula,' it could not have been more vehemently well received. Bouquets, encores, recalls, plaudits,—nothing was missing. The English have made a noise in denunciation of the claque of the French theatres, forgetting that, under cover thereof, an engine of the same family—and worse than the French one, because less intelligent in its raptures—has substantially set itself up in our opera-houses. Our public has learnt good-naturedly to tolerate these raptures,—taking them for redly to tolerate these raptures,—taking them for what they are worth,—but is apt to stay at home after the first night's curiosity has been appeased.

New Adelphi.—There is an idea pervading the new piece by Messrs. Adolphe D'Ennery and Dumanoir which Mr. Webster produced on Wednesmanoir which Mr. Webster produced on Wednesday, and this idea gives to it an inner harmony which entitles it to a special distinction. The original title is Les Drames du Cabaret, which the adapter has enlarged into 'The Workmen of Paris; or, the Dramas of the Wine-shop.' The leading figure is Van Gratz, a Dutch merchant, eighty-two years of age, of a sceptical turn of mind, remarkable for his vigorous health, and his trust in gold, and who the back leible a friend waken. and who, though he has killed a friend, makes secret restitution by supporting his widow and son, the latter of whom he brings up as Albert Count de Marsan (Mr. Billington). He purposes also to marry the Count to his granddaughter, Josepha (Miss Henrietta Simms); but Count Albert has already contracted an intimacy with Blanche (Miss Woolgar), the daughter of a drunken engineer, Daubry (Mr. Phillips). Van Gratz, notwithstanding his prosperity, is always in dread of punishment falling upon him for his secret crime, and provides himself with a poisoned lancet for use in the last extremity. The slightest scratch will produce instant death, and thus he proposes to escape the impending wrath. But fate ordains it otherwise. Poor Josepha, having to surrender the Count to Blanche, wounds herself with the dangerous and who, though he has killed a friend, makes to Blanche, wounds herself with the dangerous instrument; and the stern infidel is thus brought instrument; and the stern inder is thus brought to his knees, acknowledging the justice of his sen-tence, and submitting to the infliction. This drama is in five acts, and nine tableaux, and some magniis in five acts, and nine tableaux, and some magnificent scenery has been painted for it by Mr. Yates and his associates. Two of the scenes transcend any previous example; one, the great Foundry of Néron Nécaille, where Daubry, in a fit of intoxication, dashes his son against a revolving wheel, and the other representing the Quai des Ormes, with a view of the Seine, and Paris by moonlight.

Others are exceedingly picturesque, such as the Paris wine-shop, by Wilson, the Countess de Marsan's mansion, and Daubry's home. The acting of the piece is excellent. Mr. Webster, as the phlegmatic sceptic, painted the peculiarities of the character in a manner so decided, that, assisted by his wonderful make-up, he seems to be a veritable walking portrait.

HAYMARKET.—Dr. Mosenthal having, in his drama of 'Deborah,' made successful experiment of simplicity in the structure, dialogue and characters of a production intended for stage-representation, has even with greater boldness carried out the principle in other works written for the same purpose. A specimen of these is his interesting play of 'Der Sonnenwendhof,' which has been recently used for the opera of 'Helvellyn,' and which Mr. J. V. Bridgman has now translated for this theatre, under the title of 'Sunny Vale Farm.' The adapter has properly kept close to the original, contenting himself with abridgment, which is frequently necessary. A better representative than Mdlle. Beatrice cannot be conceived of Hilda, the wandering serving-girl, who is placed in such serious circumstances that she is disposed to shun society, while she is compelled to is placed in such serious circumstances that she is disposed to shun society, while she is compelled to live upon its kindness; always fearful of the disclosure of a crime of which she is not guilty, but of which she has to bear the consequences; but, finally, by the purity and innocence of her nature, triumphing over a destiny which, had she been less pure, would have inevitably crushed and destroyed her. Her interviews with her lover were distinguished by the utmost delicacy and refinement of feeling. There is an amount of reticence in Mdlle. Beatrice's acting which is remarkable; but on occasions she can exhibit a due degree of force, though always subdued by that elegance which is the result of an exquisite taste. She told her affecting story of the Fire at the Foundry and her parents' deaths, with equal pathos and power. She was even great in the scenes with her mistress's brutal brother-in-law, whose libertine advances she She was even great in the scenes with her mistress's brutal brother-in-law, whose libertine advances she repels by threatening him with a hatchet, which she suddenly seizes in self-defence. In the last scene, when she recognizes him as the villain who was the actual incendiary and author of the mischief by which she and her parents had been such terrible sufferers, Mdlle. Beatrice suddenly evinced an energy which startled the audience into was income and were the working of the sufference of t unanimous applause. Mr. Howe, as the ruffian, unanimous applause. Mr. Howe, as the ruffian, acted with force and intelligence; giving prominent effect to those passages in which Mosenthal is careful to unveil the psychological conditions of the criminal's nature. The resolution of his sisterin-law, who had been tried and proved by affliction, and almost perfected by suffering, was well sustained by Miss Snowdon. Altogether, the play was neatly acted. It was also beautifully illustrated by the scenery painted by Messrs. Connor and Morris, which is calculated to enhance considerably their already high reputation. The drama is one which will grow on the audience, and which merits a prolonged success.

STANDARD.—The legitimate drama has again established itself at this theatre, and commanded crowded houses. 'The Lady of Lyons' and 'Ingomar' have been alternately performed during the last fortnight. The Parthenia and Pauline of Miss Edith Heraud have proved specially attractive, and she has been ably supported by Mr. Glenny in the characters of the barbarian chief and the assising Claude Melautte. and the aspiring Claude Melnotte.

SADLER'S WELLS.—A new burlesque, entitled 'Don Giovanni,' by Mr. J. C. Brennan, has been produced here, the extravagancies of which provoke produced here, the extravagancies of which provoke immoderate laughter. The result is obtained by the employment of some most violently distorted puns and some vehemently executed parodies, accompanied with songs and dances, in which only the ridiculous is regarded. Mr. Brennan has not been choice in the media selected for sportive ends. The performers deserve praise, particularly Miss Lizzie Wilmore, Mrs. C. Horsman and Mr. W. Ellerton. The piece is not of sufficient merit to justify any more detailed cri-

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Musical and Dramatic Gossif. — A few lines must tell how the season of the Sacred Harmonic Society's concerts began yesterday week with 'St. Paul.' The music went well; the solo parts were taken by Mr. H. Weiss, Madame Rudersdorff, Miss Julia Elton, who was encored in the arioso "But the Lord," and Mr. Montem Smith, who replaced Mr. Sims Reeves. Exeter Hall was crowded. The next oratorio is to be 'Judas.'

It cannot be required of the critic to offer any detailed account of 'Don Juan' in English at Her Majesty's Theatre. Suffice it to say that the performance took place as advertised, with Madame Kenneth, Miss Pyne, Miss Hiles, Mr. Swift, Signor Marchesi, and Mr. Penna—a novice to the London stage, as such unwisely thrust into so difficult a part. During the past thirty years, which have included the most palmy days of the Italian Opera, only two Don Juans have been allowed to keep their footing on our stage, Signor Tamburini and M. Faure. Signor Ronconi's consummate genius M. Faure. (which has given him a wider range than any other dramatic singer so limited in his powers by nature commanded, and has enabled him to challenge even that most superbly-endowed of men and musicians, Lablache) split on this rock. The artist who was so grand a gentleman as Chevreuse in 'Maria di Rohan,' as the Doge in 'Marino Faliero,' as the Duke in 'Lucrezia,' dwindled into shabby insignificance when he essayed to present the Spanish nobleman. With all his vocal tact, again, could not disguise his unfitness for the music of this most arduous and fatiguing part. Signor Mario's personal beauty and supremacy as the most impassioned love-maker in every one's operarecollections could not save him, when these gifts and graces tempted him to imitate the usurpation of the character by former tenors, Garcia and Donzelli. A veteran on the stage like Mr. Harrison might have brought such obvious experiences as these to bear on his managerial counsels, and not, in blind reliance on England's worship of a great name, have thrust forward a neophyte into a position so unique in its double responsibility. At some late performances of 'Faust,' Miss Hiles and Mr. Swift replaced Miss L. Pyne and Mr. Sims Reeves.

Miss Galton, nice to the lady just mentioned,
will shortly make her début as Amina in 'La Sonnambula.

Dignity and Progress are neither of them implied in the fact that, till "the Wizard of the North" shall vacate the St. James's Hall, there will be no Popular Concerts. Sooner or later these wants and inconsistencies will regulate themselves; meanwhile, our amateurs fare badly, unless they go far in search of their quartetts,—such as may be found, for instance, at the Musical Ensemble, a society for chamber music, in which MM. Pollitzer, Zerbini and Chipp take leading parts;—such as offer themselves at the Brixton Institution, where an amateur orchestral society, conducted by M. Boosé,—of which we have heard a favourable report, and may possibly be able to speak more precisely during its Season,—has begun its series of winter concerts.

Among the musical events of the week, one announced in the Times has an old-world and picturesque sound, which gives variety to a catalogue of the novelties and nothings of the hour. This has been "the Requiem of Mozart, sung in a style of great excellence," at the Chapel of the Hospital of the Knights of Malta, in Great Ormond Street, for the repose of the soul of Philip, Count Colloredo and Marquis of Recanati, the last Grand-Master, who has just died at the age of eighty-five.

The title of Mr. Henry Leslie's coming opera is given in the Orchestra as 'The Guardian Stork.'

The Musical Society announces its first Conversacione for the 25th of January next, and its first concert for the 29th of March. With ample time of preparation before it, we hope that this Society, now well established, will arouse itself, and do something to justify prosperity, by enterprise and liberality of research.

Herr Ernst has left Paris for Nice.—Herr Ander, the tenor singer,—long a favourite in Vienna, and who, it may be remembered, was tried here some years ago at our Royal Italian Opera,—has quitted the stage, in consequence of failing health.

Ti used to be females first, and now it's furni-re!" The indignation of Hood's maid-servant at the deteriorated state of male politeness is re-called by the following letter from Naples, describing the opening, for the season, of the Teatro San Carlo.—"After expectation had been raised by delays, and promises of unusual magnificence, San Carlo re-opened on the 5th of November, with Signor Verdi's 'Simone Boccanegra.' A word must be said about the alterations and decorations of the interior. The great novelty is the introduction of gas. In the centre of the theatre is a splendid chandelier, scarcely large enough for such a building, with twenty branches, richly worked, supported by groups of statuettes of boys. The lights are arranged in three series, of various colours, white, red and blue, and amount to nearly a thousand. There was one great inconvenience on the first night,-the workmen who went round the boxes from time to time to adjust the lights. Each box is now provided with a large mirror; other decorations there are none; and the theatre itself looks dingy. The drop-scene presents a change adopted from Paris, an opening being contrived in it at which those who are so happy as to be applauded appear and make their bows; but the curtain itself is so beggarly an affair as to have excited the greatest indignation of the public. The house was full to suffocation, nearly every box having been taken for the season, and marvellous prices having been taken for places in the fourth tier. In the pit of the theatre there are considerable alterations, in the form of separate entrances, which, however, are not approved, as interfering with the liberty of those who come to have a gossip and a glance. The performance altogether was unworthy of the glorious old San Carlo. The opera itself, 'Simone Boccanegra,' is deficient in moledy, and, with the exception of two solos and a final quartett, appeared to weary the audience. Signora Perelli sang the part of Amelia, making almost a fiasco; Signor Sirchia, the tenor (?), who appeared in the character of Gabriele Adorno, has a powerful organ, but does not manage it well: he acted well, however, and was applauded. Signor De Bassini, the baritone, calls for compassion, and should retire. The basso, Signor Attri, was neither applauded nor condemned. The orchestra, as it always is, was admirable."—The above is from a resident in Naples. Witnesses less habituated to the gradual deterioration of the musical performthere, assure us that "always admirable" a kindly phrase which can be no longer applied to the once-famed orchestra. The good days when Festa, that splendid conductor, was at the head of the band, are past and gone.

The Gazette Musicale states that M. Gounod has undertaken to write a new 'Romeo and Juliet,' in four acts, for the Théâtre Lyrique.

To remind those of Schumann's congregation established here that, in our judgment of this composer's music, we do not stand alone, in a position of vexatious attack, let us quote from the Gazette Musicale a few words concerning his First Symphony (the one in B flat), played, for a second time, by M. Pasdeloup, at one of his Popular Concerts:—"It must not be said that a musician such as Schumann was has been condemned without being heard. Who knows? Perhaps his hour may come, according to the theory that, for musicians of a certain school, time alone is wanted to make them classics. We can assure ourselves that Schumann is not a classic yet, and that his Symphony was less enjoyed on its second than on its first hearing. We have found there nothing but a painful and tornented style, meagre and dismal ideas, and dull colouring."

Mr. and Mrs. German Reed and Mr. J. Parry will re-commence their work of merriment on Monday next.—Mr. Dempster has brought back his musical illustrations of the Laureate and other poets to London.

Mdlle. Dupont, commemorated by M. Janin as last of those French actresses who had the true tradition of Moliere's waiting-maids, died the other day, in Paris, at an advanced age.

In continuation and confirmation of what was said on the subject a few weeks ago, it should be noted that Mr. Sothern has been playing in 'Used up' and 'The Little Treasure,' at Liverpool, with great success.

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Canterbury Cathedral.—The works at Canterbury Cathedral, which comprise the almost complete rebuilding of the north-west tower and the south door, with the gallery over the latter, are now not not carried on under the superintendence of Mr. Austin.

The Caucasians and the Tibetans .- I think it is only an act of justice to state, that Mr. Edwin Norris in his edition of Prichard's 'Natural History of Man,' inserts a note to the effect that the affini ties of the Caucasian language, as shown by Dr. R. G. Latham and Mr. B. H. Hodgson, appear to be with those of the people of the Himalaya Moun-tains and the country beyond the Ganges. It is some satisfaction to find that the views I put forth in your columns have before engaged the attention of competent observers. Here I have no access to Mr. Hodgson's numerous papers on the Tibetan tribes, or to any observations of Dr. Latham; but I fear Mr. Norris did not attach much weight to them in 1855, for on the opposite page he countenances a connexion between the Caucasian and the North Siberian languages, so that his ideas cannot have been fixed, and he must have considered the indications unworthy of further investigation by him. I fear, too, that Dr. Latham must on further consideration have modified his views; for I found no reference to any such opinion in his 'Manual of Comparative Philology,' wherein, too, he places the Caucasians as a group apart. Mr. Hodgson has paid so much attention to the Tibetan relations of the question, that I have no doubt he had good grounds for his opinion: and I trust I may have been the means of bringing together further evidence and of forwarding the solution.

In answer to the inquiry of your Correspondent Philologicus (p. 380), I may observe, that the Tibetan and other groups, with which I have iden-tified the Caucasian group, are, according to the ordinary classification, treated as belonging to the monosyllabic family, and not to the Turanian. With regard to the resemblance of two Georgian words to Esthonian and Lapponic it is not safe to draw conclusions. There are much closer resemblances between prominent or first-class roots of the Indo-European, Semitic and Malayan families, and yet it is necessary to establish a distinction between these families. I hope to follow up more closely the subject of the relations of the Circassian and the Georgian languages while here. I may observe that, before leaving England, I was, on the applica tion of Dr. Campbell, late Superintendent of Darjeeling, in the Himalayas, supplied by the India Department with ethnographical photographs from their collection, illustrative of various Tibetan tribes for the purpose of comparison; and that the observations I have made in Constantinople and here confirm me in the opinion of the ethnological as well as philological correctness of the classification I have proposed. As Dr. Campbell has undertaken to bring my detailed memoir before the Royal Asiatic Society, I hope the evidence I have adduced may prove satisfactory, and may receive confirmation from men connected with India, and who are able to furnish evidence on the subject. I regret to say that the continued passage of Circas sian emigrants, in a condition as depressed as that of some of the lowest of the Tibetan tribes, gives me opportunities of seeing many individuals. HYDE CLARKE.

Smyrna, Nov. 1864.

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